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Brakes slammed on animal exports from port

By Dean Kilpatrick

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CAMPAIGNERS are celebrating after live animal exports from Ramsgate were temporarily suspended – fuelling hopes they may not return.

Thanet council, which owns the port, called a halt on shipments after the death of 45 sheep at the port last week.

And leader of the council, Clive Hart, confirmed there are no plans to resume the trade anytime soon.

The news has come as a boost to activists who have long campaigned at the port and been vocal in their opposition.

Absolutely Fabulous star, and patron of animal welfare

charity Compassion in World Farming, Joanna Lumley, said: "I congratulate Thanet District Council for suspending this appalling trade. My sincere hope is that our Government will follow suit."

Cllr Hart said: "The council recognises that live exports are a lawful trade, but we are also conscious of our responsibilities regarding the welfare of animals passing through our port."

Ramsgate was the only British port being used for shipping animals abroad.

But the trade came to an abrupt end in tragic circumstances when sheep were taken off a lorry only for flooring to collapse and more than 40 had to be destroyed.

scrutiny panel, compared the shenanigans to the "wild west".

He wants to ensure lessons are learned to avoid any future repeat. A number of businesses also complained about the amount of litter which was left on the streets.

Cllr Driver said: "I personally witnessed two punch-ups and lost count of how many people I saw throwing up or

urinating in the streets and gardens as I made my way home.

"Many of these people were young men and women who were probably below the legal drinking age."

Thousands of people descend on Broadstairs during the folk week which has been running for more than 40 years.

Cllr Driver said he didn't want to end

that tradition, adding: "I don't want the festival to stop; in fact, I want it to grow and become even more successful, but we need to look at what went wrong this year."

Information about who will be called to the scrutiny panel is expected to be announced in the upcoming weeks.

For all the latest Thanet news see www.yourthanet.co.uk.



TAKE A BREATH: New installation allows visitors to sit within the art work

ART

FROM RIO WITH LOVE

ART inspired by South America has been commissioned for the Turner Contemporary in Margate.

The installation, titled *Tempo Para Respirar* (Breathing Time), allows visitors to sit amongst the work and hear the sounds of an imaginary universe.

The piece is the work of Brazilian artist Maria Nepomuceno, who has been championed by a famous Rio de Janeiro

gallery.

The artwork overlooks the Margate coast and opened on Friday following three weeks of preparation.

Director of the gallery, Victoria Pomery, said: "I am delighted that Maria Nepomuceno has agreed to work with us on a new commission for the Sunley Gallery.

"Her incredibly energetic, poetic work will transform the space once again."

COUNCIL

Probe begins into drunken behaviour at popular folk week

AN investigation into drunken behaviour at Broadstairs Folk Week has been launched by a councillor.

A number of complaints were made during the festival in August following drunken behaviour – which included a flurry of fights – and a perceived low police presence.

Independent councillor Ian Driver, chairman of the council's overview and

scrutiny panel, compared the shenanigans to the "wild west".

He wants to ensure lessons are learned to avoid any future repeat.

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CRIME

Net closes in on beer crook

A THIEF who stole 10 cans of lager and assaulted a shop assistant is being hunted by police.

The suspect is being sought after the incident at the Co-op in Grange Road, Ramsgate on August 20.

The man walks with a slight limp on his left leg.

COMMUNITY

Loan handed to enterprise

A SOCIAL enterprise has been one of the first to benefit from a Kent Big Society Fund loan.

Turner Cars, based in Westgate-on-Sea, has been lent funds to expand its community transport scheme for vulnerable people.

Kent councillor Mike Hill said he was "delighted".

SPORT

Minigolf event set to tee off

TOP minigolf players are set to hit Margate this weekend.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Denise tipped to waltz off with Strictly crown as hit TV show returns

By Chris Britcher

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TV PRESENTER Denise van Outen has been unveiled as one of the competitors in BBC ratings-winner Strictly Come Dancing, which returns to our screens this weekend.

Ms van Outen who lives in a rural retreat near Biddenden, has also been swiftly installed as favourite by bookmakers.

A former host of Channel 4's Big Breakfast, she has gone on to enjoy a successful musical career including playing the role of Roxie Hart in the hit stage show Chicago.

A spokesman for bookies Ladbrokes said: "Denise was amazing in Chicago, which is why we believe she's such a shoo-in."

The blonde star is married to Lee Mead, winner of the BBC's search for a musical star, Any Dream Will Do.

The couple married in 2009, and have a daughter who was born in 2010.

The family were recently seen enjoying a family day-out at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park in Hythe.



But for now she will have to swap family life for a gruelling schedule of dance classes.

Other stars taking part include ex-England cricket captain Michael Vaughan, TV presenter Johnny Ball, Olympic stars Victoria Pendleton and Louis Smith, EastEnders actor Sid Owen, TV presenter Richard Arnold, Westlife's Nicky Byrne, soap star Lisa Riley, Girls Aloud singer Kimberly Walsh, model and Mick Jagger's ex, Jerry Hall, TV host Fern Britton, actor Colin Salmon and kids' TV star Dani Harmer.

The Kent connection continues with judge Len Goodman, who runs a ballroom dance school in Dartford and Anton du Beke, one of the principle dancers who grew up in Sevenoaks and still lives in west Kent.

The show is hosted by Tess Daly and Bruce Forsyth.

Mr Forsyth was one of the unlikely hits of this summer's Hop Farm Festival in Paddock Wood, when he made his first ever appearance at a festival, entertaining the crowds with a song and dance routine.

■ **Strictly Come Dancing is shown on BBC1 every Saturday night.**



STAR TURNS: Contestant Denise van Outen and judge Len Goodman (left) ready to rumba

CAMP CLARY CLAIMS CELEBRITY BIG BROTHER CROWN

CHANNEL 5 reality TV show Celebrity Big Brother ended with success for Julian Clary.

The comedian, who lives in Aldington, near Ashford, was crowned victor after weeks of sharing the famous house with a host of well-known – and not so well-known – faces.

Emerging from the house, after triumphing in the public vote over housemates Martin Kemp, Coleen Nolan, Michael 'The Situation'



Sorrentino, MC Harvey and Ashley McKenzie, he said: "I've never won anything in my life. You've made a 53-year-old homosexual very happy."

Former EastEnders star Cheryl Fergison was evicted from the show early in the series.

The actress is the star turn as the Fairy Godmother in the pantomime Cinderella at the Central Theatre in Chatham this Christmas.

LIVESTOCK

Live export ban after sheep die

LIVE animal exports through the Port of Ramsgate have been suspended temporarily following the death of 45 sheep.

Thanet council, which owns the port and is against the trade, said the ban would only be lifted if suitable facilities were built within the port after chaotic scenes this week.

Two sheep drowned, two were put to sleep due to injuries and another 41 needed to be shot after becoming severely lame.

It happened when a lorry loaded with four tiers of sheep was stopped at the port on Wednesday morning.

Faults on the vehicle were deemed serious enough for the truck to be taken off the road.

This meant the sheep it was carrying needed to be unloaded while attempts to find another transporter were made. One sheep was found to have a broken leg and another was also injured, both were put to sleep on veterinary advice.

Then, when the sheep were being loaded into a separate area, the floor collapsed. Six fell into water, four were rescued by nearby RSPCA officers, but two drowned. A vet then inspected all the sheep and found that a further 41 were lame and so they were shot.

Two French lorry drivers were arrested at the scene.

RSPCA chief executive Gavin Grant said: "We have been warning that a significant welfare incident like this could lead to tragedy for the animals and now it has. Early this summer we sent a report to the local authority warning that this would happen."

Ramsgate is the only British port currently being used for shipping animals abroad for further fattening and slaughter.

Thanet council said it will consider constructing an area for animals, but this is dependent on cost and other priorities at the authority.

NEWS IN BRIEF

► Machete used in fight

A MACHETE was hurled during a fight in broad daylight last weekend - shattering a car windscreen and landing at the feet of an elderly couple.

Trouble flared in the Road of Remembrance, near the car park, in Folkestone at around 3.10pm last Saturday.

The driver of the car suffered injuries to his eye. Two men, both aged 21, have been arrested on suspicion of violent disorder.

► It's a dog's life for Paul

TV star Paul O'Grady returned to our screens this week fronting a new seven-part series for ITV1.

The presenter, who lives in Aldington, is spearheading Paul O'Grady For the Love of Dogs, focusing on unwanted pets at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home.

One of the dogs featured is Barney, a seven-month-old Rottweiler cross from Welling and how the home helped his recovery.

► Beaney return a big hit

THOUSANDS flocked to welcome the re-opening of one of Canterbury's most famous landmarks last weekend.

The Beaney on the High Street has undergone a £14m refurbishment and now once again houses the city's main museum and library.

It is estimated some 7,000 people took the opportunity to take a look around after its first full weekend open again since closing in 2009 for work to take place. The refurbishment project was funded by Canterbury City Council, Kent County Council and the lottery.

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Students and staff are celebrating their recent GCSE Exam Results, with a massive rise in results to 42% 5+ A- C Grades (including English & Maths) this year, which is more than double last year's results.*

The Bishop of Rochester Academy has a new Principal, Mr Colin Boxall, who together with his new Leadership Team has introduced a multitude of new initiatives to drive up standards and raise the attainment of students - encapsulated by the Academy's new motto: 'Determined to Excel'.

"I am determined to encourage all our students to achieve beyond their expectations." said Mr Boxall.

The Sixth Form is also going from strength to strength, with some impressive Level 3 results for A Levels and BTECs.

The Academy's recent Exam success follows on from a visit from OfSTED last Term, when the Inspection team reported improvements being made at the Academy and commended the new Principal on his vision for its future progress.



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OfSTED, April 2012



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EDUCATION

Calls for GCSE exams re-grading as 'harsh' results slammed as 'unfair'

By Marijke Cox

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A STAGGERING eight in 10 schools in Kent saw worse results than predicted in English GCSE as a result of the grading fiasco, prompting county chiefs to demand action be taken.

Some schools even face intervention from the Government due to missing expected targets, unless action is taken by ministers.

Education cabinet member at Kent County Council, Cllr Mike Whiting, said he would support a national re-sit in November, but that regrading June's papers instead, as they plan to do in Wales, would avoid putting youngsters through the stress of another exam.

His comments follow last month's revelations that grade boundaries in GCSE English had been raised significantly for pupils sitting exams in June, compared with tests in January and March.

It later emerged that exams watchdog Ofqual had ordered exam board Edexcel to change grade boundaries two weeks before the summer's results, resulting in many pupils missing out on the all-important C grade in English.

KCC took immediate action and gathered data from schools to present to Parliament's education select committee, which has launched an investigation. It showed that 82 per cent of the 56 Kent schools that responded saw worse results than expected despite having a proven



SHOCK RESULT: Headteachers have described the controversial exams results as 'very harsh'

track record in accurate predictions. Some saw huge drops of 10 per cent in expected grades.

Cllr Whiting said: "The results have been very hard on so very many young people."

"This isn't just about pupils moving onto sixth form, but those wanting to do apprenticeship schemes or making important decisions about their futures based on their grades."

"This is why a re-sit in November is actually too long to wait, because these pupils will need to make decisions soon."

"Headteachers are angry and upset about what has happened. On results day when I was visiting schools they were surprised at the re-

sults. They didn't know anything about the grading changes."

"It's very unfair and I'm hoping for speedy action by the Government."

Cllr Whiting said a small number of schools on the boundary of the Government's minimum exam target – where 40 per cent of pupils at a school must achieve five GCSEs A*-C including English and maths – may have missed the mark.

"Some may have fallen below this target because of what has happened," he said.

This could mean government intervention unless re-graded papers or a national re-sit go ahead.

Cllr Whiting said the impact of the grading fiasco has been felt across all schools – academies, council-run schools, wide ability and grammar.

He said headteachers had called the results "unfair" and "very harsh".

One headteacher said: "Students have been unfairly treated by the grade boundary move."

"They were well taught by experienced teachers, we had an outstanding moderator's report reflecting how well prepared and executed the controlled assessments were."

"Students have been done a disservice."

Another reported that one student had achieved 64 marks in January and 28 marks in the summer.

Ofqual said there had been a greater variation in schools' results than expected.

MORE THAN 10,000 PUPILS TAKING KENT TEST THIS YEAR

THOUSANDS of children sat the Kent Test this week in a bid to win a place at one of the county's grammar schools.

Next week children in Medway will take the test in the hope of also securing a selective school placement.

Kent alone saw a massive 11,921 register for the controversial exam – an 800 pupil rise on last year – although a spokeswoman for Kent County Council said this could be lower if parents or pupils opted out at the last minute.

Pupils living in Kent took the exam on Wednesday and Thursday, to assess their suitability for a place at a grammar school.

Out-of-county children

will sit the test next Saturday. Last year saw 2,156 pupils from outside the area take the exam. A figure was not available this week for how many there will be this year.

In Medway, some 2,185 children registered to take the test, which is being held next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Last year, Medway Council received almost 100 complaints from parents about disruptions and delays during the test, which was held in independent centres.

Following a consultation, all of the area's 62 primary schools in the area chose to sit the Medway Test in their own schools next week.

The 11-plus exam is

made up of verbal and non-verbal reasoning exams, and also a maths and writing task.

It is hugely controversial, with other counties having already scrapped it.

Kent is one of the last remaining areas to still hold the test and run grammar schools.

Campaigners, Stop the Eleven Plus, formed in 1998 by a group of parents, teachers and governors in Kent, argue grammars have a damaging impact on non-selective schools in the area and they are "distinctly unequal".

Parents will be informed by post of their children's result on Wednesday, October 17.

DEVELOPMENT

Schools win cash for rebuilding

MORE than a dozen of the county's schools which have been awarded funding for refurbishment are likely to be rebuilt.

It is not yet known how much cash each school will receive, but education chiefs at Kent County Council said it would cover rebuilds for the majority.

The authority put in applications for a slice of the Government's Priority Schools Building Programme – which replaced Labour's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) scheme – for 58 schools, and 13 were successful.

Castle Community College in Deal applied independently.

Work is due to start immediately with completion expected in five years.

The list of schools includes Aylesham Primary School near Dover, Sevenoaks Primary School, Meopham School, and Laleham Gap School in Margate.

Schools that missed out on funding include Hartsdown Technology School in Margate, which saw its BSF scheme scrapped, despite urgent refurbishment work needed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

→ Hill is new police boss

COUNTY councillor Mike Hill has been elected chairman of the soon-to-be-abolished Kent Police Authority – replacing long-standing chief, Ann Barnes.

The Conservative councillor had been temporary chair since Mrs Barnes announced her decision to quit in order to run for the job of Kent Police and Crime Commissioner. That role, to be elected by the public in November, will replace the KPA which oversees Kent Police.

→ Paralympic rail surge

RAIL operator Southeastern says there were 4.9 million passenger journeys made on its services during the recent London 2012 Paralympic Games.

That equates to an extra 100,000 passengers a day, and around a million journeys on the high-speed Javelin service.

Managing director Charles Horton said: "We'd like to thank passengers again for listening to the travel advice, for altering their journeys."

→ Rippon fire service praise

TV presenter Angela Rippon has thrown her support behind the Kent Fire and Rescue Service after it joined a national campaign to ensure Alzheimer's sufferers are not put at greater risk of serious injuries in their home.

Ms Rippon, ambassador for the Alzheimer's Society, said: "We are delighted Kent has signed up. With greater awareness we can all help ensure they can live a safe and happy life."



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HEALTH

Public meeting on mental health

MEMBERS of the public have been invited to have their say on plans to improve care for people experiencing a mental health crisis.

A public meeting is being held at Maidstone Community Centre in Marsham Street, on Tuesday, September 18, from 2-5pm. It will be attended by mental health consultants and NHS managers who will outline the plans.

Health chiefs launched a three-month consultation in July after a review of services by NHS Kent and Medway, which plans and buys mental health services, and Kent and Medway NHS and Social Partnership Trust, which provides crisis care.

They said the review found there are not enough hospital beds in east Kent, unsuitable inpatient services in Medway, and that better psychiatric intensive outreach services are needed in east Kent.

The NHS wants to hear the public's view on plans to treat people in centres of excellence in Dartford, Maidstone and Canterbury.

WILDLIFE

Patient youngster snaps bird in flight to win photography prize

By **Marijke Cox**

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AN ASTONISHING picture of a chaffinch taken by an eight-year-old boy has been selected as one of the year's best wildlife photographs.

William Briggs, from Groombridge, near Tunbridge Wells, was praised for his stunning image, called Male Chaffinch Coming in to Land, which won the 11 years and under category in the British Wildlife Photography Awards 2012.

His photographer father Martin said the youngster had sat for an hour waiting to capture the perfect shot.

"For my son to sit there for that long is amazing, he doesn't usually sit still," he said. "He's always been interested in photography; he has one of those small children's cameras but he used one of mine for this."

"Once he knew the bird was landing in the tree's feeding station he sat there and pre-focused the camera. He took about 80 pictures and of those one was that shot."

"He was dead chuffed when he won."

Mr Briggs said his son had developed a real passion for photography.

"It's all he ever goes on about. He wants to start taking pictures underwater and he's had snorkelling lessons so the next step is buying underwater housing for the cameras."

"He loves underwater photography and loved the winning image with the gannets."

The picture, called Gannet Jacuzzi, was taken by marine biologist Dr Matt Doggett in the Atlantic and scooped the overall winner prize.

Other winners were Neil McIntyre for his Red Deer Stag in Pine Forest, and Amanda Hayes' Herring Gull Plucking Puffin from the Ground.

The winners scooped cash prizes and their images will be featured in British Wildlife Photography Awards Collection 3 book (£25).

PORTRAIT: Red Deer Stag in Pine Forest by Neil McIntyre, above is the collection book



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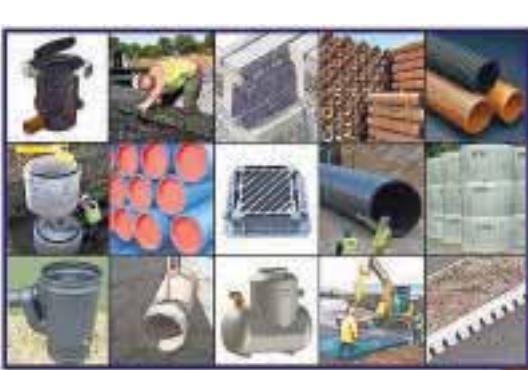


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THE BEST: Clockwise from left: Male Chaffinch Coming in to Land by William Briggs; Gannet Jacuzzi, by marine biologist Dr Matt Doggett; and Herring Gull Plucking Puffin from the Ground by Amanda Hayes

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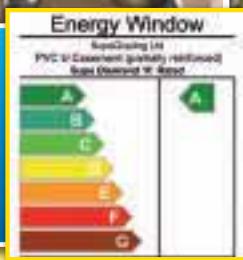
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GOVERNMENT

Former KCC managing director gets new job to lead civil service reform

By Chris Murphy

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A CONTROVERSIAL former chief of Kent County Council – who left the authority under a cloud and clutching a £420,000 pay-off – has landed a top new civil service job, complete with six-figure salary.

Katherine Kerswell hit the headlines after she was made redundant from her role as KCC managing director in December, just 16 months after taking over the post.

Despite KCC initially refusing to reveal the terms of her pay-off, it was eventually confirmed she was paid £420,000 in a deal the Government minister Grant Shapps described as "disturbing and unacceptable".

But she has now landed a top role as director general for civil service reform in the Cabinet Office, where she will work alongside the head of the civil service, Sir Bob Kerslake.

The job comes with a £142,000 salary.

Her role will be to oversee the implementation of the civil service reform plan which was recently published.

The managing director role at KCC was scrapped after her departure, which followed

months of speculation over her position.

During her short stint at County Hall she was a key architect of a major overhaul of its operation and oversaw a reshuffle that will result in up to 1,500 jobs going in 2015.

News of her new position was broken by the Local Government Chronicle which quoted her saying: "I am thrilled to join the civil service and contribute to such an important area of work as civil service reform."

"I am particularly keen to build upon what I have learnt in local government, about how to make change take root and really happen with urgency and pace."

Sir Bob said: "Katherine is an accomplished leader with a track record of successful change management in the wider public sector.

"I know that her skills and experience will be ideally suited to the role."

And Cabinet Office minister Francis Maude told the paper: "The civil service reform plan we published in June set out our first steps to reform the civil service to ensure it can effectively serve the government of the day. We have a long way still to go to sharpen accountability, collect consistent management information and improve how government runs its major projects.



QUIDS IN: New top job for Katherine Kerswell

"Katherine brings experience and expertise to this crucial role and I look forward to working with her as she implements the reform plan.

"We will continue to draw on ideas and insights from civil servants, senior officials and ministers as we work to improve the civil service."

TECHNOLOGY

High tech phone service could hit your TV signal

TV viewers could face interference to their picture with the introduction of the new super-fast mobile broadband 4G service, an MP has warned.

The faster broadband connection for enabled handsets was launched this week, and although few devices are able to currently use the service, it is expected to become the standard.

But there are concerns the siting of transmitters could interfere with broadcast TV signals.

Now Sir Roger Gale, Conservative MP for Thanet North, has called for providers of the new service to pay up for any unwelcome side effects.

He said: "While the introduction of 4G in the UK is welcome as we seek to maintain our technological competitive edge we must remain aware there is a likely downside to that technology in the form of potentially serious interference with broadcast television."

"There has, therefore, to be an open-ended commitment to the principle that 'the polluter pays' so that if government funding proves insufficient to meet the costs of necessary filters then the 4G companies will pick up the tab."

Formed through the merger of T-Mobile and Orange, Everything Everywhere (EE), which obtained the right to launch 4G services from Ofcom, has confirmed television signals may be affected by the 4G switch-on in certain areas.

An EE spokeswoman said: "There is the potential for services to be affected. Fortunately, there are fixes for any problems and in most cases these fixes are very simple and free."

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TRANSPORT

Disruption warning for drivers as M2 bridge repairs start

By Chris Britcher

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MOTORISTS are being warned to expect disruption during the next six weeks as a major refurbishment project on a bridge over the M2 motorway gets under way.

The Stockbury Viaduct – part of the M2 junction five interchange at Sittingbourne, where the motorway meets the A249 – will be completely resurfaced and its waterproofing renewed to protect it from corrosion.

Three expansion joints will also be replaced.

However, with work taking place 24-hours-a-day, there are delays expected, with motorists urged to allow extra time for journeys.

Two lanes will be kept open in both directions at all busy times, with one of them dedicated for drivers joining or leaving the M2 at junction five.

A contraflow system will be in place from Monday, with a reduced 40mph speed limit.

The Highways Agency, which is overseeing the work, says additional restrictions, such as slip road closures, will be carried out overnight

"when traffic flows are lowest" and with signed diversion routes in place.

Highways Agency structure manager Bala Vishnubala said: "All structures require maintenance from time to time, and this important work will help keep the Stockbury Viaduct operating safely and reliably for the 60,000 drivers who depend on it every day."

"We have planned the work carefully to keep disruption to a minimum, but it would be a good idea for drivers using this section of the M2 to allow extra time for their journeys while work is underway, especially if travelling at busy times."

Work to install the contraflow will begin this Sunday, when the London-bound M2 carriageway between the two slip roads will be closed from 5am-2pm, with a diversion in place across the junction interchange.

Installation work will then continue on Sunday night, between 8pm-6am, when there will be various temporary restrictions on the M2, all with signed diversions in place.

The project is expected to be complete at the end of October.

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HIGHS AND LOWS: Important refurbishment to the Stockbury Viaduct is scheduled to last six weeks

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ENTERTAINMENT

Life is pain, but it's good excuse for Alan to get back on stage

By Marijke Cox

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HE'S the much-loved, curly-haired magician-cum-detective in cult BBC series *Jonathan Creek*, and probably better known as the mischievous panelist on the comedy quiz show *QI*.

But comedian Alan Davies is returning to where it all started, back to the stage and his stand-up roots after almost a decade away from the circuit.

Touring the country with his new show *Life is Pain*, the 46-year-old, who studied at the University of Kent in Canterbury and later moved to Whitstable, will be performing at venues in Dartford and Chatham.

He also played at Assembly Hall in Tunbridge Wells on Thursday.

Speaking to KoS ahead of the show, he said: "I'm looking forward to coming to Kent. I enjoyed my time there and still come back as I have friends in Whitstable."

"I lived on campus in Canterbury when I was at university and then I lived in Whitstable. It was different then, no-one had come down from London like now."

"We used to go and sit outside The Neptune [pub] on the beach. We'd go up to Gillingham or down to Margate – it was great. When I was a kid I used to go to Broadstairs."

It's been almost a decade since the funnyman, who lives in north London with his wife and two children, took to the stand-up stage.

It was only after he spent time in Australia last year with Stephen Fry doing *QI* that he decided to get back on the comedy circuit.

"I did *QI* live in three clubs and loved being back on stage, so I started to get some material together," said Davies.

"I did what they call work-in-progress shows – a lot of comedians do this stuff.



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ALAN DAVIES, ON HIS NEW STAND-UP ACT

I go on stage with notes in my hand and try stuff out.

"People come along knowing it might be rubbish. It took me a couple of weeks to get something together and that's how I got my show."

Life is Pain, he says, focuses on difficulties in the life, including being a parent and the perils of social networking.

It also touches briefly on the death of his mother when he was just six-years-old.

"I heard a little girl being told off by her mother and she said 'life is pain' – I made a note of it and it became a bit of a theme in the show.

"Life is quite difficult: being a parent, being a son, all of these things are familiar to people."

"If people like *QI* and think I'm funny then they should come along and see the show."

Asked whether he was nervous about getting back on the stage after so long, he said: "I'm very excited and raring to go. Stand-up is all about just you and the audience. I really enjoy it."

"The only thing I find hard is being away from my family. I do about three or four gigs a week, any more than that and I wouldn't see my kids."

Aside from stand-up – which he started doing in Kent in the late 1980s (his first show was at the Labour Club in Whitstable in 1988) – Davies also forged a successful career in TV.

Best known for his lead role in hit BBC drama *Jonathan Creek*, Davies also played the title role in ITV comedy *Bob and Rose* about a gay man falling in love with a woman.

He went on to play a chef in BBC comedy *Whites*, but it was cancelled after the first series; a decision which infuriated the comic and its legions of fans.

Unperturbed by the set back, Davies said he would love to get back in front of the camera in an acting role.

"I'm always on the lookout for parts," he said.

"There is a script written for a one-off special for *Jonathan Creek*, which I would love to do, but I'll have to wait and see."

■ Life is Pain is at the Orchard Theatre in Dartford on Thursday, October 2, www.orchardtheatre.co.uk; and the Central Theatre Chatham on Thursday, November 22, www.medway.gov.uk/theatres.

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SPORT

Is there enough sports funding to serve up the next Andy Murray?

By Dean Kilpatrick

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THE chief of one of the county's top tennis academies has fired a broadside at the Government for funding cuts hindering the development of future heroes like Andy Murray, as the nation celebrates its first men's Grand Slam champion for 76 years.

The 25-year-old's thrilling five-set success at Flushing Meadow in New York, when he claimed victory at the US Open on Monday provide a fitting finale to what has been a great summer of sport.

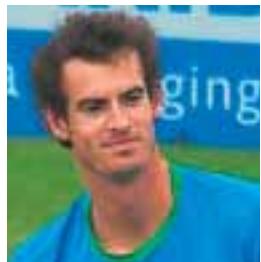
But amid hopes the Scot's win will open the doors for a flood of future young talent, Jo Powelson, director of the Sevenoaks-based Tennis Academy, which operates at sites in Tonbridge, Kemsing, Knockholt, Hildenborough and Hartley, said while the enthusiasm was there, the cash wasn't.

She explained: "I think we have a lot of talented youngsters playing tennis, but where we struggle is retaining children in the game.

"It's a shame in the year of the Olympics that the Government is cutting a lot of funding for sport, and it's really bad news for tennis.

"Hopefully, Murray's success will keep youngsters interested and involved in the sport."

Concerns were first raised two years ago when education



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VICTORY: Andy Murray won the US Open, but without sport funding it is feared there will be no British stars to follow him

secretary Michael Gove slashed funding for school sports partnerships, which reduced the quality and range of coaching available in schools, in addition to dropping the amount of required sport and PE in the school week.

There has been further condemnation of the Government's decision of school playing fields.

Faversham and Mid-Kent MP and sports minister, Hugh Robertson, admitted in 2010 that community sport would take a "major hit" as a result of the cuts.

These include new sports facilities being scrapped under the Building Schools for the Future programme, cuts to local authority budgets, and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport facing a budget cut of £2 billion.

Mr Robertson said: "This is a

difficult time and sport will take a major hit across the country."

Andy Murray's success caps a remarkable year for Britain's number one, having already reached the Wimbledon final and won gold in the Olympics.

His impact is already being seen among youngsters, the trick for everyone involved in the game now is retaining the talent and developing it.

Nick Wibberley is a coach at Faversham Tennis Club. He explained: "The more people see the success, the more attention the sport will get, which means it'll be spoken about in playgrounds and between friends."

The club recently held an open day which attracted 100 youngsters.

Mr Wibberley added: "There is a perception around that tennis is expensive, but it is affordable and we want to show that the sport is more accessible than people think."

Nick Skelton, head coach at Hythe Lawn Tennis Club, welcomed the 25-year-old's success this week and hoped it would usher in more British talent to eventually take Murray's place at the very top of the game.

He added: "Murray has been all over the front pages and that's bound to stir interest in tennis and more people wanting to be involved in the sport.

"The more people you have playing tennis, the more talent will come through and excel."

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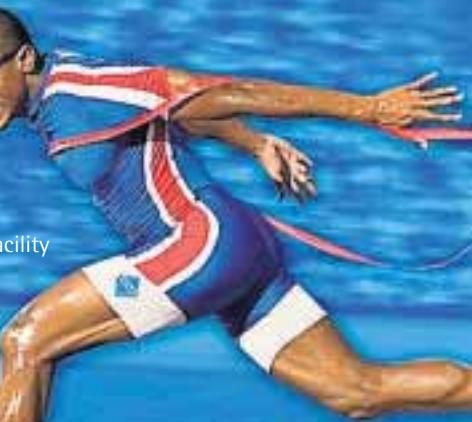
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World's minigolfers descend on 'spiritual home'

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The British Open will attract competitors from around the world in pursuit of the title and cash prizes – with some competitors coming from as far away as New Zealand.

Already, more than 40 professional minigolfers are signed up for the tournament, with organisers insisting the sport is soaring in popularity.

British Minigolf Association chairman Sean Homer said: "It's always been hugely popular. We have about 200 players who take part in our tours each year across the country."



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ON COURSE: Above, a minigolfer takes a shot. Right: Marc Chapman won last year's Open

"Margate has probably got the best course in the UK, because the owners built the course from scratch a couple of years ago."

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Mr Homer called the South East the "spiritual home" of minigolf, due to its long cultur-

al history with the popular seaside game.

The sport is particularly well-loved in Europe, with a large contingent coming over from Sweden to take part in the British Open.

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The British number two will be defending the title he won last year in Sidcup. But he feels the sport doesn't get the respect it deserves in Britain.

The 24-year-old said: "We're not recognised as a sport in this

country, but in Europe you have players who are government funded. I've just spent 10 days in Porto, and that competition had major sponsors."

"It is an around-the-world sport, but it's different here compared to the rest of the world. We have a number of

seaside courses, so we tend to play crazy golf, which they don't do in Europe."

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country, but in Europe you have players who are government funded. I've just spent 10 days in Porto, and that competition had major sponsors."

"It is an around-the-world sport, but it's different here compared to the rest of the world. We have a number of

seaside courses, so we tend to play crazy golf, which they don't do in Europe."

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RELIGION

Snake lovers hiss vicar who won't bless their pets

By Dean Kilpatrick

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SNAKE lovers are furious at a vicar who has offered to bless animals at a special service – except for snakes.

Last week, we reported Canon James Rosenthal of St Nicholas Church at St Nicholas-at-Wade, was holding a blessing service to celebrate the work of animal lover Saint Francis of Assisi.

Canon Rosenthal told Kent on Sunday last week: "For a blessing, most people like to touch the animal or person, but I would probably refrain from doing so [to a snake].

"I would probably give a special blessing to the owner because if you have a snake, you need all the help you can get."

He said he couldn't bless a snake because of their "bad press" in the Bible.

However, snake owners have hit back.

We have been contacted by a number of snake owners who



UPSET: Hazel with her snake

insist the priest's stance is offensive and goes against his own religious background.

Hazel Grove from Herne Bay has had a serpent companion for nearly 20 years, she currently owns a 10ft boa constrictor.

She said Canon Rosenthal's stance on snakes was "outrageous" and insisted the reptiles were just as loving as domestic cats and dogs.

She said: "There's a lot of fear

about them because of biblical references, but if you give them love and attention, they are wonderful creatures.

"The snake was a symbol of healing in ancient civilisations, so I feel the church has portrayed them as evil for that reason. To think one or two animals are ostracised because of a biblical fairytale is outrageous and sends the wrong message."

Zak Bean, 21, a snake owner from Ramsgate, added his fury, he said: "It seems very hypocritical to talk of caring about creation and then dismiss entire groups of animals."

"What is his problem with blessing snakes? If he believes Genesis to the letter, then a single snake was responsible. Unless he believes the snake king of coercion is back for round two, what's the problem?"

He added: "Why would you need to bless snake owners? Looking after snakes is no more difficult than most pets, especially considering how infrequently you feed them."

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CELEBRITY

Sir Bob sees Peaches wed in church he holds so dear

By Marijke Cox

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IT HAS been the setting for tears and laughter, where Live Aid hero and Boomtown Rats frontman Sir Bob Geldof celebrated his wedding to Paula Yates and where, 14 years later, her funeral was held.

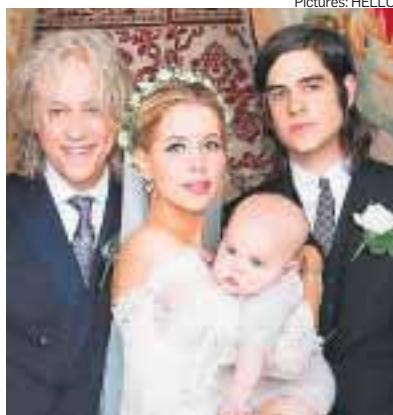
But it was smiles again at St Mary Magdalene and St Lawrence Church in Davington, near Faversham, last weekend as the couple's daughter Peaches wed punk singer Thomas Cohen.

After the ceremony, the wedding party moved to her father's Davington Priory estate, located next to the church, where they danced into the early hours.

Speaking after the wedding, the 23-year-old, who had seven bridesmaids including her sisters Fifi, 29, Pixie, 21, and Tiger Lily, 16, said she could feel her mother Paula watching over her.

"I feel her presence all the time, but especially today," she told Hello! magazine.

"Mum loved family celebrations and she would



Pictures: HELLO

HAPPY: Sir Bob, Peaches, Tom and baby Astala

adore Tom and the fact we've married here. I know she is watching over me and feeling so happy for us."

The tragic TV presenter, famed for her work on The Tube and Big Breakfast, died in 2000 after an heroin overdose.

She had left Mr Geldof five years earlier for INXS star Michael Hutchence who, himself, died in a suspected suicide in a hotel room in 1997.

Yates' funeral was held at the historic church in Davington, where her and long-time love Geldof had had their wedding blessed after getting married in Las Vegas in 1986.

Peaches and Tom announced their engagement in December 2011. Five months ago they became parents to baby Astala.



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X FACTOR'S DERMOT ALSO READY TO TIE THE KNOT

ANOTHER celebrity getting hitched this month is X Factor presenter Dermot O'Leary who was due to wed long-term girlfriend Dee Koppang on Friday.

Mr O'Leary is regularly seen in Broadstairs visiting Ms Koppang's mother and step-father.

At the time of going to press, the star-studded wedding ceremony was rumoured to be



taking place on the Sussex/Kent border.

Among the guests expected to be attending the ceremony were former X Factor contestants and chart-topping boy band One Direction.

Speaking ahead of the big day, the popular TV presenter proclaimed his love for his girlfriend and said he couldn't wait to tie the knot.

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CRIME

Ex-special PC found guilty of 'frightening and violent' sex attack

By James Benjamin

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A FORMER special constable has been jailed for six years after being found guilty of attempted rape.

Canterbury Crown Court heard that Michael Keith Brock, 25, had subjected his victim to "an extremely serious, violent and frightening" sex attack.

Brock, of Cornwallis Circle, Whitstable, is a former Police Community Support Officer, and worked in the Swalecliffe area for three years.

He also volunteered as a special police constable for six months. He resigned from Kent Police in 2009, and had been pursuing a career in the legal profession.

Brock had denied attacking the woman in High Street, Whitstable, late on December 18, 2011, but was found guilty by a jury of attempted rape by a 10 to 2 majority last month.

He appeared before Canterbury Crown Court on Monday, and during the pre-sentence report at hearing, Judge Adele Williams heard that



JAILED: Michael Keith Brock was given six years

Brock had now confessed to the offence.

The attacker will also be subject to the Sex Offenders Register.

Det Con Keith Rochford said: "The attack was a harrowing ordeal for the victim and I'm pleased justice has been done.

"I would like to thank members of the public who intervened and came to the victim's aid following the attack. They are to be commended for their courage.

"I would also like to pay tribute to the victim who has shown tremendous courage throughout the trial, and I hope with the defendant's admission of guilt in court, and the sentence given, she may be able to move on with her life."

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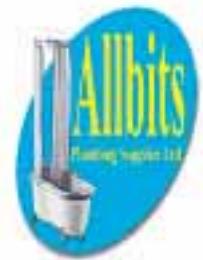
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BOMB SQUAD: The V2 arrives at Brompton Barracks, Chatham

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| Total V2s fired during WWII | 3,172 |
| Civilians killed in London/South East by V2s | 2,754 |
| Civilians injured | 6,523 |
| Largest loss of life by V2 | 567 dead, 291 injured, in Antwerp, Belgium, December 1944 |

By Chris Murphy

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THEY rained down death from as high as 50 miles in the sky – their sinister rocket engines sparking fear in the hearts of anyone who heard them go silent as they passed overhead.

Hitler's V2 bombs, propelled by the then new technology of rocket motors, were the precursor to today's Cruise missiles – and now one has landed in the county once more, this time harmlessly, to go on public display.

What's more, it is the very device used by the Army during the war to unlock the bomb's deadly secrets.

While today's missiles can be directed to make pinpoint strikes, the V2 was roughly aimed at Kent and the South East as an indiscriminate killing machine.

There were even stories of daredevil Spitfire pilots inter-

cepting them, and using their wings to deflect the rockets.

Catherine Byrne is deputy curator at the Royal Engineers Museum Library and Archive at Brompton Barracks in Chatham, where the rocket is going on display.

She said: "The V2 Rocket, which had been rotting away for more than 50 years, has been strengthened and lovingly restored by Borley Brothers, a structural engineering company based in Cambridge.

"The history of this V2 is a little sketchy. It was picked up in the Netherlands in the midst of chaos at the end of World War Two and brought back to the UK by the Royal Engineers.

"The British Army wanted to capture them intact and figure out how they worked technically and how we could counter them in something called Operation Backfire.

"It has been at various MoD bases since the 1940s – Farn-

borough, Ripon, and from the 1960s or 70s at Chattenden. This is the first time the public will be able to see this monumental weapon."

The V2, with a one-ton warhead, was designed by Captain Walter Dornberger and Wernher von Braun. Technologically advanced at the time, it went on to kill more than 3,000 people.

Ms Byrne said: "The V2 was a terrifying weapon. It travelled three times faster than the speed of sound and so there was no warning. During 1944-45 more than 500 V2s fell on London and with the Germans launching more than 2,500 on Allied countries."

Von Braun and his men were transferred to Huntsville, Alabama, in 1950 to develop the ballistic missile.

America's first satellite was launched from a Wernher von Braun design, the Jupiter-C, and he would eventually go on



KILLING MACHINE: The V2 bomb delivered death from the sky during World War Two

to head NASA and see his visionary rocket, the Saturn 5, carry man to the Moon.

Ironically, much of the damage in Kent was a result of British intelligence leaking false information to the German authorities that the rockets were overshooting their targets by 20 miles. It resulted in many of the bombs landing in the country instead.

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KENT REMEMBERED

The spectre of violent death looms large over our haunted castles

By Chris Murphy

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AS THE gateway to Europe, Kent has been Britain's frontline against invaders for centuries, which is why so many castles were built here.

Now the spooky tales about the spirits left behind at the historical forts following violence and bloodshed are being told in a new book, Britain's Haunted Castles.

Author Marc Alexander has examined the ghosts of England's castles, with several of his favourites located in Kent.

He said: "As well as being one of the world's most haunted countries, Britain is credited with having the largest number of castles. Often these two aspects go together as I found out when I set out to write Britain's Haunted Castles with my friend and literary colleague Paul Abrahams.

"Together we travelled the country in search of ancient spooky sites and legends, which was great fun."

He picked out Scotney Castle, near Lamberhurst, as one of his favourites.

"It is a beautiful sight on a fine summer's day seen above its reflection on the moat. It's so peaceful it's hard to imagine the act of violence that led to its haunting.

"It is said that a phantom figure, festooned with water weeds, has been seen on dark nights to struggle out of the moat and stagger to the castle door before fading away. The ghost is believed to be that of an excise officer who was beaten to death by smugglers and thrown into the moat when he surprised a pack train of contraband."

Another spooky story concerns Dover Castle where a drummer boy is said to have been murdered during the Napoleonic Wars.

Mr Alexander said it was presumed he was decapitated as his ghost, complete with drum, has been described as headless.

But the author said it was Rochester Castle which has the most tragic of castle apparitions, in the form of Lady Blanche de Warrene who lived seven centuries ago.

"One evening Ralph de Capo, the crusader knight, who had charge of the castle, returned to see his love Lady Blanche struggling in the brutal embrace of a rejected suitor on top of the Round Tower," said Mr Alexander.

"He seized a bow and loosed an arrow. It streaked upwards and struck his enemy's armour which deflected it straight into Lady Blanche's heart.

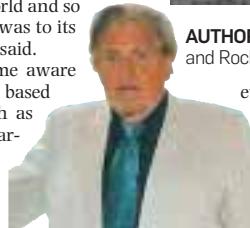
"She died with the bitter knowledge that her lover had accidentally ended her life. It was recorded the castle's haunting began that same night, her ghost being seen moving along the castle walls, weeping at her cruel destiny."

Mr Alexander's interest in ghosts began when he arrived back from New Zealand years ago.

"New Zealand is a wonderful country, but lacks the monuments of the Old World and so my first excursion in London was to its tower - I became hooked," he said.

"On visiting castles I became aware that many ghostly tales were based on historical happenings such as Queen Anne Boleyn's reappearances in the Tower of London.

"In writing about haunted castles I ignored the question of what ghosts might be or



AUTHOR: Marc Alexander visited Hever, Scotney and Rochester castles in researching his book

even if they existed. The point is that down the centuries thousands upon thousands of people have believed in them, and that is enough to enshrine them in British folklore."

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Starved out by an Arctic crisis

Tim Garbutt considers what climate change and the melting ice cap at the North Pole mean for this county's future food security

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The last lowest figure was in 2007 (with a decade's worth of highest ever temperatures), and with the satellite imagery of the last 35 years the reduction in ice at the North Pole can be tracked and recorded.

Summer ice has melted so that within three to five years experts predict the North Pole will be open ocean with no ice at all. Presumably just a few soggy polar bears.

Already the Northern Sea Route from Tokyo to Europe, across Russia, and the North-West Passage across Canada are open to shipping: 34 ships using the former route – up from just four two years ago.

We are entering a world unknown to humanity where last week's storms such as Hurricane Isaac in Florida and Haiti, or floods in Burma and Korea

become ever-more prevalent and deeper – as less ice means warmer seas increasing heat and rising sea levels further.

And, aside from storms, the US wheat belt already has 1930s-style dust bowls, sending food prices soaring: cereal prices up 120 per cent, and dairy up 107 per cent as 45 per cent of the corn and 35 per cent of the soya crops are destroyed.

Cereal prices peaked in 2008 according to the UN – yet another record now broken.

Food riots have already destabilised regimes during the Arab Spring: Yemen reports rice prices up by 60 per cent, while bread prices in Egypt and Tunisia sparked riots and revolution – with similar incidents in Ivory Coast and Malawi. Add in reduced fish stocks and political instability in Ghana and Ethiopia, and the food crisis looks bleak across Africa and the Middle East.

Kent would be affected not just by more flood and storms – along with sharper winters and hotter summers that increase potholes, but also economic refugees and humanitarian crises from Africa and the Middle East.

So strong are the concerns on the Continent – not separated by the Channel breakwater – that several German and Austrian banks have already removed food products from investment funds to reduce speculation, hoarding and shortage.



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Perhaps opportunities for Kent in the Climate Change Age though are in the likes of Thanet Earth greenhouses on brownfield sites to provide space-age sustenance, reduce air miles, and provide greater protection of farmland to feed Britain's own population.

If the U-Boat blockade in World War Two reduced Britain to grow your own allotments on every patch of land, near starvation levels in just four years, and rationing for a further decade, then climate change would be more far impactful. Especially as a starving Kansas would take priority over a starving Kent in any future Climate Change Lease.

In the chill winds of the age of climate change, Kent is looking exposed.

■ **Tim Garbutt is the managing director of Sincerity Agency the leading green and ethical advertising agency in East Kent.**

KOS COMMENT

Do designs obscure real airport debate?

REGARDLESS of your opinion on plans for a Thames Estuary airport, it is becoming difficult to ascertain realistic proposals from ambitious publicity-seeking plans.

From Boris Johnson's original idea, designed very much with the view of winning the support of swathes of the London electorate under the Heathrow flight path, to the latest scheme (which looks like it comes straight from a set designer's sketch book for a futuristic space port in a Star Trek or Star Wars movie), the estuary scheme is at risk of becoming a prop for those seeking column-inches.

The danger is the sleek images obscure the very debate at its heart – and its impact on the future of Kent.

Too much, too young

FOR any parent who has endured the build-up to this month's 11-plus exams, it has been a difficult and stressful time. Whatever your view on the county's selective system, it is hard to challenge the fact such exams at such a tender age put too much strain and pressure on their young shoulders.

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Anti-airport bid wears thin

KoS readers in west Kent must be getting tired of the anti-estuary airport campaign, which is now scraping the bottom of the barrel to find reasons why east Kent holidaymakers and business people should continue to enjoy air travel but bear none of the consequences.

The arguments are getting stretched thinner every week – the latest by rookie MP Mark Reckless, is the silliest so far. Like Kent County Council leader, Paul Carter, and his predecessor, Sir Sandy Bruce Lockhart, he sees a second runway at Gatwick as the answer to it all – without a single act of consultation with the west Kent population who live under the low-altitude approach path into Gatwick.

Even without a second runway, Gatwick's passenger numbers are going to climb to

40 million in a few years.

No doubt Gatwick has been a success. An estuary airport could be, too. Mr Reckless is not alone in avoiding the issue of job prospects, for example. With unemployment 50 per cent above the national average in Thanet, and 100 per cent above the unemployment rate in Crawley/Gatwick I fail to understand why they cannot spot a better vote-winning band wagon when it stares them in the face.

Bill McMillan, Cowden

Lakewood is very welcome

I AM one of the Sherwood ward councillors and I took great interest in your article about Lakewood.

The plans have taken more than two years to come to fruition. The extensive consultation process, with models, diagrams, maps, and the architects present to answer questions, should be

held as an exemplar to other housing associations. The appearance, use of materials, and siting of the new buildings was mainly chosen by Sherwood residents.

The flats that are coming down are well past their useful life and the new environment will bring us into the 21st century. There will be better communal space for residents and many of the new houses will have their own gardens. There is also the chance, in the near future, of an imaginative 'sky bridge' to Sherwood Lake from the side of the TN2 Centre, which will underscore the new name of the development Lakewood.

**Cllr Bob Backhouse,
Tunbridge Wells**

Don't ruin our A&E facilities

OPEN letter to Jeremy Hunt, Health Secretary:

Congratulations on your appointment. Thank goodness

it gives a breathing space to halt the proposals that are being made to establish 16 'major trauma' centres throughout England.

What seems to be a wonderful idea will have devastating repercussions to the existing 24-hour A&E hospitals, (194 according to freedom of information), because only 16 of these will have the staff and capability to deal with level 1 – major – trauma.

Here, in the Isle of Thanet, which covers Margate, Ramsgate, Broadstairs and outlying villages, we will be out of reach of the proposed new trauma centre which will either be at the William Harvey Hospital at Ashford, or even further away at Medway Maritime Hospital in Gillingham. If this becomes the case then the 'Golden Hour Principle' will have been abandoned in Thanet.

Common sense tells me that making the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital

(QEJM) a new major trauma centre in Thanet would make these proposals viable, but apparently this is out of the question, although in Sussex, the two major trauma centres are at Brighton and London – and that is acceptable there.

Why there cannot be a similar arrangement in Kent is incomprehensible. The QEJM would cover all those in the east of Kent. Pembury hospital in Tunbridge Wells could cover all of the west.

The stumbling block in the argument supporting the new proposals is that comparison is being made between transporting people by helicopter from Thanet to London (20-30 minutes) and transporting people by road in an ambulance to Ashford (at least one hour). This is not comparable.

This is wrong. An ambulance is not an operating theatre. Internal bleeding, for example, cannot be operated on in an ambulance.

Added to all this, the plan includes changing the names

of all the other A&E departments into ED departments. How stupid is this? People will be unaware of the meaning of 'ED' (emergency department) when A&E is universally understood and acted upon in a crisis.

Please revise the proposals before untold damage is done. Both lives and outcomes will be put at risk if the proposals as they stand are adopted.

Betty Renz, by email

Cabinet is not green enough

KENT Green Party is unimpressed by David Cameron's reshuffle in favour of the anti-environmental extreme right.

Prime Minister David Cameron has appointed anti-environment ministers in his reshuffled Cabinet. This is bad for Kent and Medway since greener policies would boost employment in our county.

The new Environment Secretary, Owen Paterson, is opposed to wind farms, which are a very important source of clean energy and of employment in Kent.

The new energy minister, John Hayes, is curiously sceptical about renewable sources of energy in general. Energy efficiency and conservation could reduce our current energy use by up to 60 per cent, but not under this Government. The Chancellor is collaborating with other ministers to attack planning laws for the sake of housing and new infrastructure.

But there are 24,000 empty homes in Kent and other empty buildings and sites waiting for use.

We are very concerned this may signal another attempt to build in our forests and continue urban sprawl rather than regeneration.

Patrick McLoughlin, new transport secretary, has neither major aviation nor port issues in his constituency, making him an odd choice.

Expansion of airports is something the Coalition parties cannot agree about and which is opposed vigorously here in Kent in respect of Lydd, Manston, and the rather unlikely Estuary Airport.

The potential employment to be gained through greener policies will not become reality in Kent or Medway with this Government.

Dr Hazel Dawe, Campaigns Officer, Kent Green Party

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Edited by **Adam Aiken**



Hit by fallout from the investment minefield

Q IN 2008, I invested with Keydata. In 2010, Keydata was replaced as plan manager by Merchant Capital, which itself recently appointed Reyker Securities as administration manager.

Investors face a small fee to register with Reyker, which is irritating, but Reyker also wants to change the terms to include increased charges for early redemption and an agreement to pay further fees it might levy in future.

Can Reyker unilaterally alter the terms?

A YOU have been unlucky! Keydata closed in 2009, after watchdog the Financial Services Authority found some of its investment schemes were wrongly marketed as tax-free Isa's.

In 2010, Merchant Capital took over certain Keydata funds and appointed Pritchard Stockbrokers to handle administration.

But six months ago, the FSA banned Pritchard after finding it was using clients' money to pay its own debts.

One of Pritchard's bosses was Craig Whyte. He is also boss of an offshore company that owns a big slice of Merchant House, the parent company of Merchant Capital.

Whyte was also owner of the collapsed Glasgow Rangers Football Club. Trading in shares in Merchant House was suspended in April.

As to your question, the answer is yes, Reyker can lay down whatever terms it wishes. It was never part of the original deal and is not bound by it.

But equally, you can reject new terms and ask a different firm to step in.

My temptation would be to talk to a local financial adviser with a view to quitting the investment completely.

Q MY mother was in a care home for two years until she died, and the fees were met from her pension and by selling her house.

I replied to an advertisement that said her fees could be reclaimed, and now I am rung up almost every day by the claims company, which says that if I do not claim now, the money is gone forever.

Is this just a sales pitch, and could I make the claim myself to save on their commission?

A CLAIMS management companies that specialise in reclaiming care home fees are making a big push because there really is a deadline looming.

In a nutshell, lots of people in care homes should have received something called NHS Continuing Healthcare.

They should not have been charged

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



for anything that should have been provided by the NHS.

Anyone who was wrongly charged between April 1, 2004, and March 31, 2011, has until the end of September to ask the relevant primary care trust to check their entitlement.

If the person concerned has died, their family or executors can claim.

And if fees were paid in the year up to March 31, 2012, the deadline is a bit further away, with claims due by March 31 next year.

You can certainly file a claim personally, though you may do better with some legal help.

Q I OWNED a large house and half an acre of gardens, but due to the economic downturn, I could not sell.

I gained planning permission to build on part of the garden, and I sold the house separately.

I would be grateful if you could clarify the position for capital gains tax if I now sell the land.

A WE ARE all allowed one property as our main home that escapes capital gains tax.

This exemption includes your garden as long as house and land together do not exceed 5,000 square metres – about 1.2 acres.

Revenue rules also allow some leeway on timing, so people can move to their new home before selling the old one.

The final three years of ownership escape tax, even if you have moved out.

Now for the snag. You have told me you moved out of your house in 2008. The tax exemption would run until 2011 – and we are now in 2012. This does not mean that every penny you make on the sale of the land will be taxed, but roughly one year of ownership is taxable.

Calculate this as a proportion of your gain over the years since you bought the land, or back to 1982, whichever is later. Do see a local accountant as there are also tax reliefs that will keep the bill as low as possible.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Get on super highway to save on car insurance

Automatically renewing your car insurance every year might be convenient – but it could also be costing you dearly... **ADAM AIKEN** reports

MOTORISTS are wasting billions of pounds a year by failing to shop around for the best insurance quotes when it comes to renewal time.

The inertia of millions of drivers means many of them are being charged way over the odds.

This month is traditionally a busy one for policy renewals thanks to the release of new number plates – and it means that much of the money annually wasted on auto-renewals will be chucked away over the next few weeks.

When it comes to the total amount wasted by drivers each year, estimates range between £3 billion and nearly £5bn. That is a lot of money.

"Car insurance premiums are at unprecedented high levels and significant savings can still be made by comparing policies, as different insurers assess risks differently," said Scott Kelly, of price-comparison site GoCompare.com.

"We know from our own figures that motorists can save an average of £399 simply by changing their insurer.

"Yet, incredibly, just under a third of drivers haven't switched for more than three years.

"During this period, the average fully comprehensive car insurance premium has more than doubled."

Of those drivers who allow their insurers to renew their policies automatically, a third do so in the belief that the cheapest provider last year will be the cheapest this year, too.

But Mr Kelly said such loyalty was misplaced. "In the last couple of years, all insurers have been forced to revise their rates, so drivers shouldn't take anything for granted.

"On the face of it, simply allowing your policy to roll on for another year may look like an attractive and easy option, but it could cost you dear."

Moneysupermarket.com said its research showed that nearly eight million motorists a year fell into the auto-renewal trap.

Pete Harrison, a car insurance expert at Moneysupermarket, said: "With many families returning home from summer breaks, household budgets are likely to be strained, and it's important people don't just accept the renewal prices from their car-insurance providers."

The average saving Moneysupermarket said can be made by shopping around is just over £400 – broadly in line with the figures from GoCompare.

Motorists aged 55 and older are

Illustration: ANNETTE HUDSON



CASE STUDY

HOLLI Oldfield, who is getting ready to renew her car insurance, is using price comparison websites to find the best deal.

But Ms Oldfield, 26, was shocked to find that not only would she benefit from switching policies, her

existing insurer was offering a better quote if she signed up as a new customer than if she simply renewed her existing deal.

"I'm getting email reminders from all the price comparison websites I used last year, along with a reminder from my current insurance provider," said Ms Oldfield, a marketing assistant.

"I am not in position to be able to pay an annual premium, so I currently pay £48 a month.



"To my surprise, my current insurer is quoting £559.10 on the price comparison sites, which is more than £135 cheaper than my renewal quote."

The new quote still proved not to be the cheapest overall, and Ms Oldfield will be switching to a new insurer instead.

"I would never recommend auto-renewing," she said.

"This is a prime example of how these car insurance companies make their money."

typically the most loyal when it comes to staying with their insurance providers. According to Moneysupermarket, drivers in this category stay with their insurers for an average of more than three years.

"No matter where you live or how old you are, it's vital to do your homework at renewal time, as searching for a better deal doesn't cost you anything and there is a lot to gain," said Mr Harrison

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Government inaction 'stifling productivity'

By **Nick Ames**

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PROMPT, swift and decisive Government action is needed to rescue Britain's economy, say industry experts after a thorough analysis of the nation's prospects.

Meanwhile, a leading member of Kent's business community has branded as "disappointing and alarming" downgraded economic forecasts for growth in the coming 15 months.

Jo James, chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, was commenting on national figures that predict an overall figure of -0.4 per cent for the remainder of 2012 as against an earlier prediction of +0.1 per cent.

Next year the figure has been revised from +1.9 per cent to +1.2 per cent by analysts from the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC).

And James says that while business is trying desperately to boost productivity, outside factors, including Government inaction, are holding back any recovery.

He called for greater stimulus to boost economic growth – instead of just austerity cuts.

"The BCC's downgraded predictions are disappointing and alarming," said James. BCC has, right from the start of this recession, been highly accurate in assessing the developing situation.

"What is especially exasperating is that the survey shows UK businesses have the will and the facility to mitigate and begin to overcome the problems but are being held back by factors out of their control.

The economy is the most important factor when it comes to doing business in 2012 and this week we take a look at the state it is in. Some in the business community say they are crying out for leadership from a government perceived as being increasingly out of touch with the problems faced by those who generate the UK's wealth. Businesses say they want to move the country out of the economic doldrums – but need some positive input from those running the nation.



CONCERNED: Jo James says that no matter how hard businesses try to overcome problems they are limited by outside factors

"The business community has always accepted the need for deficit reduction and worked within the parameters of domestic austerity measures.

"No matter how enterprising companies are, however, commerce and industry cannot thrive without the right economic conditions.

"It is becoming more evident as time goes on that austerity measures as employed at present cannot retrieve the situation – business development and expansion is the

only way to recover the economy.

"Within the necessary constraints of deficit reduction, it is surely time for the Government to introduce measures – whatever it takes – to create a climate more conducive to business enterprise."

The latest report from the BCC highlighted the following factors and trends when predicting economic trends:

■ Headwinds from a slowing global economy, crisis in the eurozone and domestic auster-

ity measures complicating UK recovery prospects.

■ Continued reports of growth by many Chamber members suggests there is a reserve of business confidence and strong performance in the UK that can be harnessed.

And it is calling for:

■ Action to create a new model economy for the UK, with immediate measures to support business confidence and investment, a radical long-term growth plan and commitment to deficit reduction.

■ Swift action to support business investment, incentivise job-creation, and jump-start construction, particularly in the housing sector. These measures will have to be funded either by tough choices within the existing spending envelope, or using the UK's market credibility to support limited extra borrowing.

■ Radical long-term growth measures, including a state-backed business bank, a large-scale infrastructure investment programme and more support to boost UK exports.

■ Continued commitment to deficit reduction in a way that maintains the strong position of market credibility the UK has built up in recent years.

BCC PREDICTIONS

Growth

With the global economy likely to strengthen slowly over the next two years, modest positive UK growth of 1.2 per cent in 2013, followed by an improvement to 2.2 per cent in 2014.

Business investment fell in Q2 2012, but in the first half of 2012 as a whole it recorded strong growth of almost 8 per cent compared with a year earlier. In full-year terms, we expect business investment to grow by 4.5 per cent in 2012, 5 per cent in 2013 and 5.2 in 2014.

The rebalancing of the UK economy towards net exports has been slow. After good progress in 2011, there has been a setback in 2012, with exports in 2012, with imports set to increase by 2.3 per cent this year. In 2013 and 2014, we expect exports to grow a little faster than imports.

Jobs

UK unemployment will increase from 2.564 million (8 per cent of the workforce) in Q2 2012, to 2.750m (8.5 per cent of the workforce) in Q4 2013, a net increase of 186,000 in the total.

This forecast reflects stronger-than-expected job figures in recent months, but many of the planned public-spending cuts are yet to be implemented and UK growth will be very weak.

Youth unemployment will total some 1.048 million in Q4 2013.

Borrowing

Public-sector borrowing forecast for 2012/13 is £106 billion, some £14bn above the latest forecast from independent financial watchdog the Office for Budget Responsibility, published in March 2012.

Annual inflation at 2.7 per cent in 2012, 2.1 per cent in 2013 and 2.2 in 2014.

Interest rates

UK interest rates to remain at 0.5 per cent until early in 2014, then to rise to 0.75 per cent in Q1 2014, 1 per cent in Q2 2014 and then 1.5 per cent in Q4 2014.

Borrowing reduction hits smaller firms

SMALL and medium-sized businesses have cut back on borrowing in the past quarter, according to the most recent figures – further bad news for the prospect of economic growth.

The quarterly SME Finance Monitor found 43 per cent of the 5,000 companies surveyed in the second quarter used external finance such as bank overdrafts, loans and credit cards.

This is down from 50 per cent in the first three months of the year.

A combination of Government spending cuts, uncertainty over the euro and a lack of stimulus to the economy are behind the figures, say analysts from the quarterly SME Finance Monitor.

The study was commissioned by the Business Finance Taskforce, a banking-led body.

It concluded that the current economic climate had meant SMEs had been particularly hard hit as banks, facing higher capital requirements and

concerned over reserves, cut back on lending.

Various Government schemes aimed at improving the availability of financing have so far failed to have any real impact.

"There remains limited appetite for external finance, both looking back over the past year and forward to the next three months," said Shiona Davies, director at independent market-research consultancy BDRC Continental, which carried out the survey.

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Directors invited to take part in awards ceremony

By Nick Ames

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BUSINESS-LEADERS are being invited to enter the prestigious 2012 London and South East Director of the Year awards.

The awards, run by the Institute of Directors, were set up to applaud and recognise all that is best in the UK's commercial sector.

Open to members and non-members of the IoD, they attract entries from business-leaders from all across London and the South East, bringing together company directors from a range of backgrounds.

Last year's competition attracted a number of quality entries and culminated in the Gala Awards Dinner at the Landmark Hotel in London.

Sonja Wood, director of Ashford-based EcoSan Services, won two awards at last year's awards: Director of the Year for a Business up to £4.99 million category and New Business Director of the Year.

She was the only female director and the only one from Kent to reach last year's finals. She said: "I am incredibly proud as a Kent director to have won two awards."

"I hope my success will inspire more women to become directors as I feel there is a shortage in this country."

The Gala awards dinner is on April 18, 2013, and returns, for the third time, to The Nash Room at the IoD in Pall Mall.

Beginning with a drinks reception and a three-course meal, guests are then introduced to each of



the finalists before the awards commence.

Roger Broad, director of the IoD South, said: "These awards are a wonderful way to raise the profile of your organisation and boost the morale of your staff as success really does breed success."

"Many previous entrants who were not lucky enough to win have said that entering was still worthwhile as it helped them to take a fresh look at their operations."

"The awards dinner is also a great event at which to network with other high-quality businesses, as well as rewarding staff with a fantastic night out."

Entries are now open for awards in the following categories:

■ **Director of the Year (large company)**

This category is open to directors from FTSE and other large listed companies.

■ Director of the Year (small and medium company)

Open to directors of companies with 250 or fewer employees.

■ Young Director of the Year

Directors must be under the age of 42 and able to point to outstanding achievements during the past 12 months.

■ Global Director of the Year

Open to directors in UK-based companies with overseas sales. The entrant must be able to show that a minimum of 25 per cent of the company's turnover comes from overseas sales and must be successful in exporting and committed to continued growth in the international business arena.

■ Public/Third Sector Director of the Year

This award is open to all directors in the public sector as well as those working in the third sector and other charitable

or not-for-profit organisations.

■ Family Business Director of the Year

Entrants will be directors in second-generation or more family businesses and will have responded to the specific challenges that face directors in such well-established firms.

■ Chairman's Award for Leadership in Corporate Responsibility

To recognise those directors who are able to demonstrate that, through their direct actions and leadership, their business has made a positive impact on the community, wider society and/or the environment.

■ **To enter, go to www.iod.com/south/awards for full details and open up the nomination form. Self-nominations from both members and non-members are encouraged.**

ALREADY A SUCCESS:
Sonja Wood of Ashford's EcoSan Services won two awards at last year's event

Rising star Kate is motivated to be the best

KATE Arnold, associate solicitor in the private client division at law firm Cripps Harries Hall LLP, has been named in this year's Top 35 under 35, as published by Private Client Practitioner.

To be named on the list, which recognises the rising stars of the private client professional community as a whole, including lawyers, accountants, wealth managers and IFAs, is a major honour, said her company.

Having trained at Tunbridge Wells-based Cripps Harries Hall, Arnold, pictured, is

now an associate solicitor within the private client division. Advising clients with international interests both on lifetime succession planning and cross-border issues – particularly French – she frequently works with specialist partners on complex high-value legal and tax projects.

Arnold said: "I am delighted firstly to have been nominated, and then to be recognised, as one of the top practitioners in the country.

"This motivates me further to achieve the

highest standard of practice possible."

Myles McIntosh, head of the private client division at Cripps, said: "This is a well-deserved achievement for Kate.

"She is a real credit to the firm, where she has shown exceptional aptitude as a lawyer achieving superb results for our clients. This recognition is an indication of the quality of the private client lawyers working at Cripps and the service

clients rightly expect."



The most important meal of the day for your company

TENTERDEN'S biggest business breakfast is being held at The Little Silver Country Hotel, Tenterden, on Wednesday, September 26.

The Wealden Business Group open day is expected to attract more than 60 people, who will be given the opportunity to introduce themselves and

their businesses at the biggest networking event of its type in the area.

Wealden Business Group chairman Richard Harvey said: "Networking is one of the most effective ways for businesses to sell their services, and when the economy is as challenging

as it is right now, we're delighted to do what we can to help."

The event is free and includes complementary full English breakfast. Invitations have been extended to other business-support organisations in the Weald, including Tenterden Chamber of Commerce, Cranbrook Business

Association and Oxney Rural Business Group.

■ If you are an owner or manager of a local business and would like to attend the Wealden Business Group Open Day breakfast, contact WBG secretary Malcolm Elsmore, email malcolm@elsmore.co.uk or phone 01580 715518.

FINANCE

Outsourcing payroll could ease your pain

PROBLEMS are on the horizon over employees' pay, according to Kent financial experts.

DSH Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors are warning that small businesses are likely to experience payroll pain in the months to come as PAYE system changes are implemented.

Firms face the introduction of Real Time Information and a new pension regime, while HMRC is also clamping down on lax practices.

Glen Thomas, tax partner in DSH's Maidstone office, said there was now a real need for businesses to manage their payrolls more efficiently or to utilise the services of specialist payroll teams such as DSH's payroll division, Keyman Management Services.

"For small businesses running their own payroll, the next 12 months are likely to be taxing times," he said. "Many believe running their own payroll is a way of cutting costs, but evidence shows that the management time spent running a payroll, coupled with the ever-increasing risks of penalties and sanctions from HMRC, makes it a false economy."

"As payroll becomes increasingly complex, it requires specialist software to be processed cost-effectively and efficiently. Outsourcing can give a far better return than keeping it in-house."

EVENT

A month of fashion

THIS month has been designated the UK's first Designer Outlet Fashion Month.

McArthurGlen Ashford is part of the national initiative, championed by model and cultural ambassador for the British Fashion Council, Laura Bailey and singer-songwriter Delilah.

Natasha Jerram, marketing manager, said: "This is a brilliant opportunity for us to show label-lovers that they can find on-trend and seasonal pieces at McArthurGlen Ashford for up to 60 per cent less than the high street."

McArthurGlen has also teamed up with designer Holly Fulton, who has launched an exclusive tote bag to help celebrate. Shoppers will have the chance to pick up one of the limited-edition bags at the centre.

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Fresh start for an armed robber who plumbed depths

AN armed robber who spent eight-and-a-half years behind bars is planning to start his own plumbing business with support from MidKent College.

Reformed criminal Lee Saunders – jailed in 2004 following a string of London raids on security vans, betting shops and other targets – is currently helping to refurbish a number of toilet blocks at the Maidstone campus.

The 37-year-old studied at the college while still serving time in prison, but won a contract to fix up the plumbing following his release in July.

"When I was younger I didn't really care about the consequences of my actions," he said. "I lived a party lifestyle and could never hold a job down because I was always coming in late or not at all, so I turned to a life of crime.

"I'm not proud of what I did and I held my hands up as soon as I got nicked. Going to prison was the wake-up call I needed, and it made me realise where I'd gone wrong in life.

"It's important to have positive influences growing up; otherwise you can get sucked into making the wrong decisions like I did."

Lee, who plans to move to Maidstone from his current home in Ealing, west London, is currently on a gap year from his studies while he readjusts to life on the outside.

He said: "I took up plumbing because I was going to be in prison for a long time and thought I should learn a trade. If you help yourself then people will help you, and that's what happened.

"Having my studies to focus on has turned my life around really. I've come out of prison a different person."

MidKent College's Maidstone campus is undergoing a £25m refurbishment, which includes a makeover of the neighbouring building formerly owned by the University for the Creative Arts.

College courses hope to be a cut above the rest

CANTERBURY College has launched new full-time and evening barbering and advanced hairdressing courses.

Beginners and trainee hairdressers can sign up for the Level 2 certificate in barbering, while seasoned salon professionals can enrol on the Level 3 advanced hairdressing day-release course at the New Dover Road campus.

The barbering course teaches facial hair trimming techniques and men's haircuts, and is perfect for trainee barbers without a Level 2 certificate, or for novices who want to learn the basics of cutting men's hair.

The teaching can be tailored to suit people's skill level.

Advanced hairdressing is a day-release course aimed at salon workers and self-employed hairdressers who want to learn new cuts, advanced colouring techniques, and hair science. Students will get the chance to show off their skills in a show at the prestigious ASK International Academy in London.

Kim Heath, section manager for hairdressing, said: "Barbering is a very flexible course, meaning we can cater for people with lots of experience and those who don't have much."

She added: "Level 3 advanced hairdressing is the first hairdressing course that has been run as a day-release, meaning it is ideal for employers to send their trainees to gain extra skills."

Painting and decorating star is an inspiration to new young apprentices

AFTER triumphing in the South East regional heat of SkillBuild, the UK's largest multi-trade competition, North West Kent College student Aron Baker has this week been in Preston to compete in the national finals.

Aron Baker, 19, from Welling, who completed his apprenticeship at the college this year, now works for GB Farrar in Hither Green.

He has been competing in the painting and decorating category against the other best trainees in the country.

This year Aron has already been named Dulux Apprentice of the Year and before this won the southern regional finals three years in a row.

In 2010 Aron won the Best in Kent award, and has also won the Southern Region Johnstones Young Painter of the Year and will go on to the national final at the painting and decorating show this year.

The three-day SkillBuild competition is staged by CITB-ConstructionSkills, the Sector Skills Council and Industry

Training Board for the construction industry.

It saw more than 100 talented individuals battling to be crowned the best in their field in a range of skills including bricklaying, joinery, painting and decorating and carpentry.

Gillain Cain, regional delivery manager for CITB-ConstructionSkills in the South said: "We're so pleased to be able to bring together and motivate the country's most promising construction trainees in this nationwide competition.

"SkillBuild encourages excellence, helps to raise standards in training and is an exciting way to showcase the outstanding talent coming into the construction industry."

Philip Jubb, painting and decorating Lecturer at North West Kent College says: "Aron is an inspiration to our students and young people who are thinking of coming into the trade."

For more information about SkillBuild visit www.cskills.org/skillbuild.

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PAINTING: Aron Baker with his work from the Dulux Apprentice of the Year competition

Projects on food toxins and wartime memories named on awards shortlist

TWO Kent projects backed by the University of Greenwich have been shortlisted for honours in the annual Times Higher Education awards.

An innovative new food safety system, ToxiMet, which checks the levels of health-threatening mycotoxins in products such as dried fruit and cereals, has been shortlisted in the category of outstanding contribution to innovation and technology.

Devised by Professor Ray Coker, and developed in the Natural Resources Institute laboratories at the university's Medway campus, the system has gone into commercial production through a university spin-out company and is now in use around the world.

ToxiMet, now based at the Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne, aims to make the system the standard by which all other systems are graded.

Memories of War has been recognised in the category of outstanding contribution to the local community. The brainchild of history lecturer Dr June Balshaw, the initiative trained students, staff and community volunteers to film and transcribe the wartime stories of more than 300 people. Following an exhibition, a book has been published and the website, www.memoriesofwar.org.uk, is being used as an educational resource by teachers, pupils, and researchers.

Many of the stories come from people who grew up in Kent or live there now, such as

Dorothea French, who was living in Sidcup as a child when World War Two started. During the war she joined the Women's Land Army and was stationed at a farm in Edenbridge. Kenneth Taylor was living in Broadstairs when the war started and was later trained at the Chatham Royal Marine Barracks.

Vice-Chancellor Professor David Maguire said: "These two initiatives are a great example of the way in which the university uses its expertise to make a practical difference to people's lives – locally and internationally. Both demonstrate the important partnerships which are at the heart of so much of our work. I am proud of everyone involved and send them many congratulations."

Schools & education

Pupil's prize sees her A4 design turned into 20ft playground mural

STUDENTS from the Bishop of Rochester Academy in Chatham added some colour to the playground of a local primary school over their summer holiday by volunteering to paint a mural at Horsted Junior School.

Year 3 pupil at Horsted Junior School, Darcy Jamieson, was chosen as the winning entry in a competition organised by the school in association with local supermarket, Asda.

Her prize was to see her de-

sign transformed into a full-size mural.

Bishop of Rochester Academy students Adam Rogers, George Abbot, Liam Monk, Elliot Ransom, and Sean Gay, worked alongside staff from the Love to Learn Vocational Centre, based at the Bishop of Rochester Academy's East Campus, to translate Darcy's A4 drawing into the 20ft mural.

Despite the summer sun, the students were determined to complete the mural in time for

the start of the new school year.

Headteacher of Horsted Junior School, Steven Geary said "We are really pleased with our fantastic mural and are so grateful to the Bishop of Rochester Academy Students for helping us make it happen.

"It has had a huge impact with both pupils and parents as they started back this week.

"It's great that schools working in the same community can collaborate in ways like this."

Art lecturer welded to the idea of peace monument's MiG sculpture

A BIZARRE peace sculpture has been created by fusing together a Russian fighter jet, and a famed Rolls Royce aero engine.

It was created by a lecturer from the University for the Creative Arts.

Anthony Heywood is head of sculpture on the BA (Hons) Fine Art degree at UCA Canterbury.

Over summer he spent three weeks in Sweden working with a group of international artists to make peace monuments out of old war materials.

He said: "It's been a fun but exhausting few weeks: taking apart a bullet-proof fighter jet is as hard as it sounds but it was fantastic to work with teams of artists from all over the world.

"The size of the work was monumental and couldn't be done without specialist lifting or cutting equipment – just removing the wings took four 12-hour days for a team of three – MiGs are not meant to come apart, it seems."

He welded the fuselage of the MiG to a British Merlin Rolls-Royce engine and suspended it over the River Abroga to create a three tonne statement.



TOOLS OF THE TRADE: Anthony Heywood

He said: "I wanted to juxtapose and collage two political and philosophical positions by bringing together iconic pieces of warcraft from two formerly hostile nations.

"The town of Abroga was a prominent producer of munitions for over 400 years and the river would have played an important part in the manufacturing and transporting process.

"I wanted the work to express the vulnerability of life and to remind all levels of community that something so iconic and powerful can also evoke fragility, which is why I chose to site it precariously above the water from a crane."

University's works of art to go on display at refurbished museum

A £14 million museum in Canterbury will house artwork from the University for the Creative Arts.

The Beaney House of Art and Knowledge opened to the public last week after a three-year refurbishment.

It is now showing rolling exhibitions of artists' books by students and staff at UCA Canterbury, plus other examples from its private collection.

Rebekah Taylor, archivist and special collections officer

at UCA, said: "This is a great opportunity for the public to enjoy the depth and breadth of our fantastic collections.

"Artists' books are unique concepts which are closer to works of fine art and illustration than literature – they demonstrate unusual forms of narrative and graphic expression which make them a unique and exciting art form."

The Beaney art museum and library will soon be home to seven permanent galleries to

gether with a state-of-the-art special exhibitions gallery and a collaborative space for use by artists and local groups.

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A20 HYTHE ROAD ASHFORD - during resurfacing works on Hythe Road between **2 and 16 October 2012** (excluding Saturday 13 October), between Junction 10 Willesborough Interchange and Summer Hill, the following traffic restrictions will apply:

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The Street, Willesborough - the One-way Traffic Order will be suspended between the junctions with Hinckley Road and A20 Hythe Road, when indicated on site.

Alternative route via A2070 Kennington Road, Willesborough Interchange and A20 Hythe Road.

A28 CHART ROAD, ASHFORD - closed between Brookfield Road roundabout and Loudon Way

16 - 19 October 2012 - 8.00 pm until 5:00 am

Alternative route via A28 Chart Road, Templar Way, Drovers Roundabout, A292 Maidstone Road, (also Chart Road in reverse), New Street, Forge Lane, West Street, Godinton Road, Elwick Road, A2042 Beaver Road, Victoria Road, Leacon Road and Brookfield Road.

CANTERBURY

A257 LITTLEBOURNE ROAD, CANTERBURY - closed between the junction with Warwick Road and the St Martin's Hospital Entrance

10 & 11 September 2012 - overnight between 8.00 pm until 2.00 am

Alternative route via A257 Littlebourne Road, Canterbury Road, The Hill, High Street, Canterbury Road, B2046 Adisham Road, Old Dover Road, A2 Dover Road, A2050 New Dover Road, A257 Lower Chantry Lane, Longport and St. Martin's Hill.

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26 - 28 September 2012 - 19.00 to 05:00

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DOVER

A256 WHITFIELD BYPASS, TILMANSTONE, DOVER

The Roundabout at the junction with Barville Road and Boy Hill will be closed in 2 phases.

24 September - 3 October 2012 - (excluding the weekend) - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via A256 Eastray Bypass, Sandwich Road, A258 Deal Road, Sandwich Road, London Road, Queen Street, Broad Street, Beach Street, Deal Castle Road, (Victoria Road and Ranelagh Road in reverse) The

Strand, Dover Road, A2 Trunk Road, and A256 Whitfield Bypass.

A256 WHITFIELD HILL, DOVER - closed for its entire length

8 - 19 October 2012 (excluding weekends) - 8.00 pm until 5:00 am

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22 October - 24 October 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

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26 October - 8 November 2012 - (excluding weekends) - 8.00 pm until 5:00 am

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A226 OVERCLIFFE, NORTHFLEET - closed between St. James's Street and Bath Street.

12 - 17 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via A226 Bath Street, West Street and Thames Way.

B2175 LONDON ROAD, NORTHFLEET - closed between Rural Vale and St Mark's Avenue.

14 - 20 September 2012 - 8.00 pm until 5:00 am (excluding the weekend)

Alternative route via A226 Thames Way, B2175 Stonebridge Way and B2175 The Hill.

HALL ROAD ROUNDABOUT, NORTHFLEET - Close roundabout and all approaches to it - A2260 Springhead Road, Hall Road and B262 Hall Road Overbridge will be closed in phases.

20 - 25 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 8.00 pm until 5:00 am

Alternative route via A2 Watling Street, A227 Wrotham Road, Coldharbour Road, Perry Street, B261 Dover Road and A226 Thames Way

VALLEY DRIVE, GRAVESEND - closed between St. Aidan's Way and Valley Drive Roundabout (Lorry Park Entrance)

20 - 28 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 8.00 pm until 5:00 am

Alternative route via Herne Court Road, Singlewell Road, B261 Old Road East and Valley Drive

A226 SPRINGHEAD ROAD ROUNDABOUT, NORTHFLEET - The roundabout and all approaches to roundabout - A226 Thames Way, A2260 Springhead Road (up to 50 metres from the roundabout)

26 - 28 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 8.00 pm until 5:00 am

Alternative route via A2260 Springhead Road, Hall Road, Perry Street, B261 Dover Road, A226 Thames Way and B2175 London Road

MAIDSTONE

B2010 SMITHS HILL, MAIDSTONE - closed between Hunt Street and Ewell Lane

12 - 14 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Smiths Hill, Yalding Hill, High Street, Lees Road, Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road, Bow Road, Tonbridge Road and Teston Lane

B2163 HEATH ROAD, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA - closed between A274 Sutton Road and A229 Linton Road

14 - 18 September 2012 - 7.00 pm to midnight

Alternative route via Linton Road, Loose Road and Sutton Road.

B2012 STACEYS STREET, MAIDSTONE - closed at approach to Roundabout

17 & 18 September 2012 - 8.00 pm to midnight

Alternative route via Staceys Street, Chatham Road, Sandling Road and Boxley Road

B2163 LOWER STREET, LEEDS - closed between Ashford Road Roundabout and Leeds Road

9 - 11 October 2012 - 8.00 pm until 2.00 am

Alternative route via Leeds Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Ashford Road.

B2162 HAMPSTEAD LANE, YALDING - closed from the railway bridge north-eastwards for approximately 100 metres

1 - 2 November 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road, Boye Way, Branbridges Road, Beltring Road, Gravely Ways and Leeds Road.

SEVOAKS

A224 LONDON ROAD, SEVOAKS - closed between Oak Hill Road and The Drive

1 - 5 October 2012 - 9.00 pm until 5:00 am

Alternative route via A224 London Road, Amherst Hill, London Road, A25 Bradbourne Vale Road, A225 St. John's Hill, Dartford Road, Pembroke Road and A224 London Road.

A224 LONDON ROAD, DUNTON GREEN - closed between A224 Morants Court Road and Barrett's Road

5 - 7 November 2012 - 9.00 pm until 5:00 am

Alternative route via A224 London Road, A25 Worships Hill, Main Road, B221 Chevening Road, Ovenden Road, Sundridge Road and A224 Morants Court Road

SWALE

B2005 GROVEHURST ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE - closed at the approach to Swale Way Roundabout

28 September - 1 October 2012 - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via Saffron Way, Mill Way, St. Paul's Street, Staplehurst Road, A249 and Grovehurst Road.

B2005 GROVEHURST ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE - closed between North Street to Newman Drive Roundabout

Sunday 7 October 2012 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Alternative route via Saffron Way, Mill Way, St. Paul's Street, Staplehurst Road, A249 and Grovehurst Road.

A2 ST. MICHAEL'S ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE - closed at the East Street roundabout exit into St. Michael's Road

Sunday 28 October 2012 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Alternative route via East Street and Crown Quay Lane

THANET

B2050 MANSTON ROAD, RAMSGATE - closed from Princess Margaret Avenue to and including Tesco Roundabout

1 October 2012 - 1 night, 10.00 pm to 5.00 am (Tesco roundabout)

1 - 4 October 2012 - 4 days, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm (Princess Margaret Avenue - Tesco Roundabout)

Alternative route via High Street, Newington Road, High Street St. Lawrence, Nethercourt Hill, Canterbury Road East and Haine Road.

ROYAL PARADE, LEOPOLD STREET and MADERIA WALK, RAMSGATE

- closed between Queen Street and Albion Place

2 - 8 October 2012 - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am (excluding Friday and weekend)

Alternative route via Queen Street, West Cliff Road, London Road, Nethercourt Hill, High Street St. Lawrence, Park Road, Boundary Road, Victoria Road and Wellington Crescent.

For further information, please contact

Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,

on 08458 247 800 (local rate)

or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

A228 HOLBOROUGH ROAD, SNODLAND - closed between Constitution Hill and A228 Snodland By-pass

11 October 2012 - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am.

Alternative route via Malling Road, Holborough Road, A228 Snodland Bypass and Hollow Lane

MALLING ROAD, SNODLAND - closed between A228 Snodland Bypass and Hollow Lane

11 October 2012 - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am.

Alternative route via Malling Road, Holborough Road, A228 Snodland Bypass and Hollow Lane

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

A264 MOUNT EPHRAIM, TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed between Royal Wells Hotel and A26 London Road

3 & 4 October 2012 - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via London Road, Church Road and Mount Ephraim.

B2017 TUDLEY ROAD (Five Oak Green Road, Tudeley Lane) TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed at the junction with Postern Lane, with no through access between between Somer Hill and Hartlake Road

4 & 5 October 2012 - 7.00 pm through until 5.00 am

Alternative route via Woodgate Way, Pembury Road, Hastings Road, Pembury Northern Bypass, Maidstone Road, Badsell Road and Five Oak Green Road.

CALVERLEY ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed between Calverley Street and Crescent Road

5 - 8 October 2012 - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via Crescent Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Monson Road.

Garden Street, Tunbridge Wells - the One-way Traffic Order will be suspended for its entire length.

B2100 TOWN HILL, LAMBERHURST - closed between Furnace Lane and The Broadway

8 - 10 October 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.00 pm, between Spray Hill and Pearce Place, then 8.30 am to 5.00 pm once past Pearce Place.

Alternative route via Spray Hill and The Down.

A264 CRESCENT ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed between Calverley Road and Calverley Park

18 October 2012 - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via Calverley Road, Monson Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Crescent Road.

HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

A20 ASHFORD ROAD & WOOTTON LANE, CHARING (RESTRICTIONS ON TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to the refurbishment of Westwell Beacon railway bridge, Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic on A20 Ashford Road and Wootton Lane, Charing, on or after 17 September 2012 for up to 20 weeks or until the works have been completed.

A20 ASHFORD ROAD, CHARING - a temporary mandatory speed limit of 40 mph will be imposed from the centreline of Westwell Beacon bridge, for a distance of approximately 300 metres northwards and approximately 170 metres southwards.

WOOTTON LANE, CHARING will be closed from the junction with the A20 Ashford Road for a distance of approximately 50 metres north eastwards

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, Wicken Lane, Westwell Lane and Wootton Lane.

CHILHAM MILL & MYSTOLE LANE LEVEL CROSSINGS, CHILHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chilham Mill & Mysole Lane Level Crossings, Chilham, as shown below.

MILL LANE, CHILHAM will be closed at the level crossing from Sunday 16 September 2012 at 7.00 am until 8pm.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it



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is safe to do so.

MYSTOLE LANE, CHILHAM (Pickelden Lane) will be closed at the level crossing from Sunday 16 September 2012 at 1.10 am through until Monday 17 September at 4.00 am.

The alternative route is via A28 Canterbury Road, Shalmsford Street, Thiruxted Lane, Mystole Road and Pickelden Lane.

NEWCHURCH ROAD, BILSINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install a new telegraph pole, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Newchurch Road, Bilsington, on or after 4 October 2012, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. The road will be closed in the vicinity of 'Homestead', with no access for through traffic between the junction with Wills Lane and the junction with the un-named road to the east of this.

The alternative route is via Newchurch Road, B2067 Bonnington Road, Knoll Hill, Giggers Green Road, Eastbridge Road, the un-named road from this to Newchurch then Newchurch Road.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

SPENSER ROAD, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Spenser Road, Herne Bay, on or after 1 October 2012 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Canterbury Road to outside number 87, with no access for through traffic between the junctions with Canterbury Road and Douglas Road.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road, Mickleburgh Hill and Douglas Road.

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESEND AREA

ST MARKS AVENUE, NORTHFLEET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Marks Avenue, Northfleet, on or after 24 September 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between properties 91 and 127. There will be no access for through traffic between properties 91 and 127.

The alternative route will be via London Road, Marina Drive and St Marks Avenue.

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

MORRY LANE, EAST SUTTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new drainage system, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Morry Lane, East Sutton, on or after 17 September 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from the junction of Chartway Street for approximately 25 metres. The alternative route is via Chartway Street, Charlton Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (QUEEN'S ROAD, BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as the Local Traffic Authority and in exercise of their powers and under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 44, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter called "the Act"), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the above named Order:

The effect of the proposed named Order (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) will introduce new or to amend existing waiting restrictions in the following lengths of road (in this part of the notice DYL means waiting to be prohibited at all times by double yellow lines);

Queen's Road, Maidstone - North side, that length which extends from a point 10 metres southwest of its junction with Malling Terrace to a point 40 metres southwest of its junction with Freshland Road in a south-westerly direction.

South side, that length which extends from its junction with Malling Terrace to a point 40 metres southwest of its junction with Freshland Road in a south-westerly direction.

Freshland Road, Maidstone - Both sides, that length which extends from its junction with Queen's Road for a distance of 23 metres in a north-westerly direction.

Full details of the proposed Order, together with the relevant plans and any Orders amended by the Order and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ and Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ.

Any person wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it, should send the grounds in writing to The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TR0@kent.gov.uk and stating their reasons, not later than Monday 29th day of October 2012

TESTON LANE, TESTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of maintenance tamping and RSM inspection by Network Rail, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Teston Lane, Teston, on or after 23 September 2012 for up to 1 day between 07.00hrs and 23.00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from A26 Tonbridge Road to Teston Country Park.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Farleigh Lane, Station Road, B2010 Lower Road, Teston Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DISTRICT OF MAIDSTONE) (WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter called the Act), and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:

PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES EXCEEDING 7.5 Tonne

Old Loose Road - from its entire length - from its northern junction with A229 Loose Road to its southern junction with A229 Loose Road.

High Banks - from its junction with Old Loose Road to its junction with Bus Bridge Road.

Bus Bridge Road - from its junction with High Banks to its junction with Stockett Lane.

Stockett Lane - from its junction with Bus Bridge Road to its junction with Straw Mill Hill.

Straw Mill Hill - from its junction with Stockett Lane to its junction with B2010 Farleigh Hill.

Full details of the proposed Order, together with the relevant plans and any Orders amended by the proposed Order and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Offices of Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it, should send the grounds in writing to The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TR0@kent.gov.uk and stating their reasons, not later than Monday 29th day of October 2012

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

BURLINGS LANE, KNOCKHOLT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of new gas service to be installed, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Burlings Lane, Knockholt, on or after 1st October 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have

been completed.

The road will be closed outside Burwood.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Main road and Shelleys Lane.

The alternative route is via Main Road and Shelleys Lane.

COLD ARBOR ROAD, CHEVENING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of footway improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cold Arbor Road, Chevening, on or after 1st October 2012 for up to 6 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with A25 Westerham Road.

There will be no access for through traffic at the junction with A25 Westerham Road.

The alternative route is via Cold Arbor Road, Bessels Green Road, Wheatsheaf Hill, Ide Hill Road, Green Lane, Toys Field Road, Spot Lane, Hose Common Road, Hose Hill, A25 Brasted Road, A25 Main Road, A25 Westerham Road.

EAST HILL ROAD, WEST KINGSDOWN, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and workforce due to the road being too narrow for a rig to be put in place, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on East Hill Road, West Kingsdown, Sevenoaks, on or after 14th September 2012 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Meadow Wood.

There will be no access for through traffic at East Hill Road.

The alternative route is not applicable as this is a dead end road.

HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

BARTHOLOMEW STREET, HYTHE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new gas supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bartholomew Street, Hythe, on or after 17 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the rear of 29B High Street. The alternative route is via Hillside Street and Old Malthouse Hill

STOMBERS LANE, HAWKINGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new water supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Stombers Lane, Hawkinge, on or after 1 October 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Bramdene, approximately 120 metres to the east of the junction with Cowgate Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between Hawkinge and Alkham Valley Road using this route.

The alternative route is via Cowgate Lane, Standen Lane and Alkham Valley Road.

HIGHWAYS - SWALE AREA

NELSON STREET, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow phone ducting to be placed in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Nelson Street, Faversham, on or after 20 September 2012 for up to 1 day, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

For further information, please contact

Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,

on 08458 247 800 (local rate)

or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

The road will be closed outside property numbers 2 & 3. The alternative route is via The Mall, Preston Lane and Preston Grove.

SCHOOL LANE, IWADE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide services for a new development, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on School Lane, Iwade, on or after 17 September 2012 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between property numbers 66 and 90.

The alternative route is via Sheppey Way, Stockfast Lane and High Oak Hill.

HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

HALL BY THE SEA ROAD, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER SEPTEMBER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works requiring the use of a mobile crane, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hall By The Sea Road, Margate, on or after 17 September 2012, at various times for an overall period of up to 4 weeks.

The road will be closed as and when required, as notified locally and indicated by signs and barriers, to allow the use of the mobile crane on adjacent buildings.

The alternative route is Marine Terrace and Belgrave Road.

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MILL STREET, LEVEL CROSSING, SNODLAND) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Mill Street at the level crossing on or after Sunday 7th October 2012 between 08.00hrs and 20.00hrs for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are complete.

Network Rail apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for a RSM inspection at the level crossing. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Kirsty Mallinson on 01924 372957.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, EAST MALLING, TONBRIDGE & MALLING) (30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 1984

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as the Local Traffic Authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 81, 82 & 83 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce a 30 mph Speed Limit on the following length of roads:

Clare Lane, East Malling and Lucks Hill, West Malling: That length of Clare Lane which extends from its junction with Mill Street to a point on Lucks Hill 52 metres east of its junction with Lavenders Road in a generally westerly direction.

Winterfield Lane, East Malling: That length of Winterfield Lane which extends its entire length from its junction with A20 London Road to its junction with Lucks Hill in a south-westerly direction.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.

between 8.30am and 5.00pm and at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council Offices, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, during normal opening times.



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If you wish to support or object to the new proposed Order should send the grounds in writing to: The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 29th October 2012.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS, TONBRIDGE & MALLING AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE & MALLING, TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND SEVENOAKS) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 16A

Kent County Council gives Notice that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is being held on the highway. Kent County Council has made an Order; the effect will be to temporarily prohibit the use of vehicles travelling on the roads detailed below.

The Order will become effective on Sunday 23rd September 2012. The event is planned to last 1 day between 09:00hrs and 14:30hrs. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

Nothing in the Order will apply to:

- Any vehicle being used for Ambulance purposes, Coastguard/RNLI, Fire Brigade or Police services.
- Anything done by a Statutory Undertaker vehicle in connection with an emergency repair.
- Anything done with the permission or at the direction of a KCC traffic Marshall, Event Organisers or a Police Constable in Uniform.

Schedule

Road Name: Brook Street, Tonbridge Extent: From Hayesbrook School to Upper Haysden Lane

Road Name: Molescroft Way, Tonbridge Extent: Entire Length

Road Name: Upper Haysden Lane, Tonbridge & Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Haysden Lane, Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells Extent: From Brook Street to Ensfield Road

Road Name: Ensfield Road, Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells & Leigh, Sevenoaks Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Lower Green, Leigh, Sevenoaks Extent: Entire length

Road Name: B2027 High Street, Leigh, Sevenoaks Extent: Entire length

Road Name: B2027 Hildenborough Road, Leigh, Sevenoaks Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Rings Hill, Hildenborough, Tonbridge Stocks Green Road to Lower Street

Road Name: Lower Street, Hildenborough, Tonbridge Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Philpots Lane, Leigh, Sevenoaks Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Coppings Road, Leigh, Sevenoaks Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Compasses Hill, Leigh, Sevenoaks Extent: Entire length

Road Name: B2027 Tonbridge Road, Leigh, Sevenoaks Extent: Entire length

Road Name: B2027 Penshurst Road, Sevenoaks Extent: Entire length

Road Name: Lower Haysden Lane, Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells & Tonbridge Extent: Entire length

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate The Tonbridge Half Marathon.

COPT HALL ROAD, IGHTHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to upgrade the water supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Copt Hall Road, Ightham, on or after 1 October 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The whole length of the road will be closed.

The alternative route is via A25 Sevenoaks Road, Common Road.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 16th September 2012

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PLANNING

Planning applications

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/00866/LB: 35 St Peters Street, Canterbury, CT1 2BG Internal and external alterations. Applicant: Mr Mills Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/01279/VAR: 110 Nelson Road, Whitstable, CT5 1DZ Retention of development without compliance with part of condition 01 of planning permission CA/11/01722/FUL relating to use of the rear garden between the hours of 9am and 5pm with the provision of a maximum of 18 covers; associated provision of 2.75 metre high fencing and a pergola. Applicant: J A Ellis (Minster) Ltd Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01405/FUL: Land rear of Homeside Farmhouse, The Street, Bossingham, Upper Hardres, CT4 6DX Erection of detached dwelling and garage. Applicant: Mr and Mrs A Hewitt Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01497/FUL: Land between former post/sorting office and Cavendish Court, Cavendish Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5BD Erection of building comprising six supported housing units and associated parking. Applicant: Monson Homes Limited Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01504/CAC: Land between former post/sorting office and Cavendish Court, Cavendish Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5BD Demolition of building. Applicant: Monson Homes Limited Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.

CA/12/01505/FUL: 187 Island Wall, Whitstable, CT5 1EE Two and single-storey extensions to side, including a double garage, single-storey extensions to front and rear alterations and extensions to the roof to provide second-floor accommodation and other associated alterations.

Applicant: Mr King and Mr Doig Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01508/FUL: The Cloisters, 53-57 King Street, Canterbury, CT1 2XS Installation of replacement windows.

Applicant: The Cloisters Canterbury Residents' Association Ltd Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01528/FUL: 3 Willow Way, Chestfield, CT5 3JJ Extension to existing conservatory. Applicant: Mr P Young Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01532/FUL: 21-23 Whitstable Road, Canterbury, CT2 8DG Change of use from guest house (Use Class C1) to dwelling (Use Class C3). Applicant: Mr C Thompson Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01534/FUL: Canterbury Fire Station, Upper Bridge Street, Canterbury, CT1 2NH Installation of freestanding diesel fuel tank.

Applicant: Kent Fire & Rescue Service Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01538/FUL: 129 Whitstable Road, Canterbury, CT2 8EQ Two-storey rear extension to dwelling with accommodation within roofspace; associated alterations to the roof of the existing dwelling and the provision of a first-floor window in the south-eastern flank elevation.

Applicant: Mr J Robertson and Mrs D Clark Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01544/FUL: 78 Canterbury Road, Whitstable, CT5 4HE Erection of front boundary wall with railings. Applicant: Mr P Southwood Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01545/ADV: 29-30 Watling Street, Canterbury, CT1 2UD Installation of three non-illuminated fascia signs above first floor windows and additional hanging sign. Applicant: Kumon Education Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01547/FUL: Grindley Lodge, Highgate Lane, Bridge, CT4 5AY Extension to side and rear of garage to provide enlarged garage, store and conservatory. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hendy Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01552/LB: Molehill Cottage, Molehill Road, Chestfield, CT5 3PD Installation of additional window in west elevation of single-storey extension and construction of internal partition wall. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hadley Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/01557/FUL: 28 Conyngham Lane, Bridge, Canterbury, CT4 5JX Replacement single-storey side extension and erection of front porch. Applicant: Mr and Mrs A Sheers Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01561/FUL: Kent County Cricket Ground, Old Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3NZ Demolition of existing headquarters building and replaced with six residential apartments with undercroft parking. Applicant: Kent County Cricket Club Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01566/CAC: Kent County Cricket Ground, Old Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3NZ Demolition of existing headquarters building and replaced with six residential apartments with undercroft parking. Applicant: Kent County Cricket Club Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.management@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 8 October 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration

Friday 14 September 2012

**Public Notice
PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

**Land at Blackthorn Road, Hersden
Come and see the new proposals for a new care home in Hersden.**

Tuesday 25th September

3pm - 8pm

Hersden Community Centre, The Avenue, Hersden

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/07944/SW - 13 Stade Street Hythe Kent CT21 6DA - Felling of a Cherry and a Laburnum tree situated within a conservation area followed by the planting of two replacements.

Y12/04794/SW* - Walnut Tree Cottage Rye Road Brookland Romney Marsh Kent - Erection of a detached dwelling (resubmission of application Y08/0231/SW).

Y12/07817/SW - Land Rear 4 Ribsborough Way Folkestone Kent - Erection of a detached two storey dwelling with first floor set within roof space and dormer windows to west facing roof slope.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council



**THE SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL (ST PAULS DOCKYARD CHURCH)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND KNOWN AS ST PAULS DOCKYARD CHURCH NAVAL TERRACE SHEERNESS KENT**

Notice is hereby given that Swale Borough Council has made the Swale Borough Council (St Pauls Dockyard Church) Compulsory Purchase Order 2012 under section 47 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. It is about to submit this order to the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport for confirmation and if confirmed, the order will authorise Swale Borough Council to purchase compulsorily the land described below for the purpose of preserving the listed building.

A copy to the order and of the accompanying map may be seen at all reasonable hours at Swale Borough Council Planning Reception, Floor 2 Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT.

Any objection to the order must be made in writing to the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport FAO Andy Doidge, Heritage Protection Team, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London, SW1Y 5DH before 10th October 2012 and should set out the title of the order, the grounds of objection and the objector's address and interests in the land.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

One parcel of land of 0.8 hectares comprising the property known as St Pauls Dockyard Church Naval Terrace Sheerness Kent including the hard standing, the green and the avenue of trees

Chief Executive - Abdool Kara

Dated 4th September 2012



PLANNING

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications
12/02415/HOUSE Hartleys Cranbrook Road, Benenden
 -Alterations and extensions to existing house (LB)

12/02399/FUL Chilworth High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
 -Single storey four bedroom dwelling (CA)(LB)

12/02499/HOUSE The Oast House Wilsley Pound, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
 -Two storey rear extension with first floor windows to rear elevation. Entrance canopy to existing front door and modification of window opening to door opening with 'juliet balcony' at first floor level on western facing (rear) side of roundel (LB)

12/02504/LBC The Oast House Wilsley Pound, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
 -Listed Building Consent: Two storey rear extension with first floor windows to rear elevation. Entrance canopy to existing front door and modification of window opening to door opening with 'juliet balcony' at first floor level on western facing (rear) side of roundel (LB)

12/02316/FUL Gregory Rowcliffe & Milner Solicitors 10 St Johns Road, Culverden
 -Change of use from offices and workshop to 2 x one bed flats and 3 x 2 bed flats (CA)

12/00066/HOUSE Woodpeckers Castlemaine Oast, Horsmonden
 -Installation of wood burning stove and associated flue (LB)

12/00068/LBC Woodpeckers Castlemaine Oast, Horsmonden
 -Listed Building Consent-Installation of wood burning stove and associated flue (LB)

12/02140/FUL Barclays Bank Plc 2 The Pantiles, Pantiles & St Marks
 -Replace 14 glazed panels in windows on front elevation, replace 10 glazed panels in windows on side elevation and replace 19 glazed panels in windows on rear elevation. ATM light and camera. External pavement raise to achieve level access (LB) (CA)

12/02298/CAC 81 Frant Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
 -Conservation area -removal of chimney stack on the north face of the house (CA)

12/02481/FUL GetTravelling 32 The Pantiles, Pantiles & St Marks
 -Ground floor and basement: Change of use from A1 to A3 for a cake shop and cafe (TW/12/01200 refers) -Variation of Condition (4) -To allow opening of the premises between 10.00 to 23.00 hours on Fridays and Saturdays, and between 10.00 and 22.00 hours on Sundays and Bank Holidays; other opening hours to remain the same (LB) (CA)

12/02485/LBC Barclays Bank Plc 2 The Pantiles, Pantiles & St Marks
 -Listed building consent -new external singage, external pavement raise and minor internal alterations. Redecoration with new lighting/electrics/conduit. New automation to existing inner lobby timber doors, dusted crystal vinyl applied to fanlight over inner lobby doors. Decorations to external camera, new ATM light and replacement ATM shroud (LB)

12/02459/FUL 8 Calverley Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
 -Installation of new glazed shop front and automatic entrance doors; Installation of 2 No. external ATMs c/w internally illuminated surrounds and CCTV camera; Installation of 4 No. new AC condensers and replacement ductwork on flat roof (CA) (MAJOR)

12/02490/FUL Garages Between 8 -14 Park Street, Park
 -Demolition of existing garages and construction of a single detached dwelling (CA)

12/02507/HOUSE 1 Oakfield Court Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
 -Rear extension with basement under, new window in north east side wall, new door in south west side wall (CA)

12/02484/HOUSE 16 Hastings Road Pembury, Pembury
 -Rear to rear roof slope and single-storey rear extension (CA)

12/02496/FUL 13 High Street Pembury, Pembury
 -Change of use from A1 (Retail) to A2 (Financial and Professional Services). Rear single storey extension and replacement front extension and external alterations (CA)

12/02480/FULMJ Royal Mail, Tunbridge Wells Delivery Office, Sherwood
 -Change of use from Post Office sorting depot, demolition of an existing storage warehouse and construction of Audi motor vehicle dealership, providing sales, service/repair, MOT facilities, valet and vehicle preparation and external display (MAJOR)

(DEP/PLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting a Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stoney Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
 Head of Planning Services
 Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
 Dated: 15 September 2012



THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

MA/12/1329/S - THE FORGE, HIGH STREET, YALDING, KENT, ME18 6HX - Application for listed building consent to replace a back door. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1405/N - 6, RUMWOOD COURT, SUTTON ROAD, LANGLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3NN - Retrospective listed building consent for the erection of satellite dish. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1484/S - WARMLAKE BUSINESS ESTATE, MAIDSTONE ROAD, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3LD - Subdivision of Unit 11 into two units with new access door. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1542/N - 97A, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1SA - Change of use of office accommodation to residential to provide 2 two bedroom flats. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1545/N - PARK BARN FARM HOUSE, PARK BARN ROAD, BROOMFIELD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1PN - Construction of an orangery. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1546/N - PARK BARN FARM HOUSE, PARK BARN ROAD, BROOMFIELD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1PN - Application for Listed Building Consent for construction of an orangery. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1565/N - IPPLEPEN, WEAVING STREET, WEAVERING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5JN - Single storey extension. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1586/N - THE GRANARY, SMITHS FARM, HOLLINGBOURNE HILL, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1QJ - Amendments to previously approved development under MA/11/1962 (erection of 2(no) sheds, re-positioning of drive and parking area, removal of flue and installation of 1(no) small flue, alterations to fenestration including changing 2(no) doors to windows, 1(no) window to door, change of style to 1(no) door and insertion of roof light, and installation of underground gas tank) being alterations to hard landscaping, laying of tarmac to entrance, creation of shingle drive, insertion of wall flue for kitchen extractor, removing roof flue for kitchen extractor, exterior lighting and insertion of flue for wood burner. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1607/S - KELSHAM FARM, FOUR OAKS ROAD, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NY - Erection of an orangery extension to rear of existing dwelling (Resubmission of MA/12/0945). **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **30th September 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 16th September 2012



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or its setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
5. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 01 OCTOBER 2012

SW/12/0960: Decommission existing below ground Diesel tank (capacity: 9,000 litres) foam-fill redundant tank. Installation of 10,000 litre cylindrical 110% self-bunded 'above ground' Diesel tank - Faversham Fire Station, Ashford Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/1060:

Variation of Condition (1) of planning permission SW/08/0863 to permit a further three years for siting of Mobile Home to establish Poultry/Agriculture business - Badgers Croft, Bull Lane, NEWINGTON; **REASON 1 & 2**

SW/12/1072:

Listed Building Consent to install satellite dish - Hearts Delight House, Hearts Delight, BORDEN; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/1079:

Single and double side extensions and alteration to existing dormer room - Rose Cottage, Winterbourne, DUNKIRK; **REASON 4**

SW/12/1093:

Listed Building Consent to undertake remedial works to existing listed building structure by making watertight and structurally stable. All to address immediate Health & Safety issues - H M Prison, Stanfield Hill, Church Road, EASTCHURCH; **REASON 2**

SW/12/1101:

Change of use of car park area to open storage and repair of boats and jet skis - Land opposite Merlins, Leysdown Road, LEYSDOWN; **REASON 6**

SW/12/1102:

Retrospective application for adding traditional 6" Kentish wooden weather board to exterior of non-listed property, weather board painted in exterior matt white - Park House, The Street, BREDGAR; **REASON 1**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
 Head of Planning

THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY, VARIOUS ROADS) (FOLKESTONE TOWN CENTRE AND THE BAYLE PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 32, 44, 45 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order shall come into effect on the 17th September 2012 and implement new parking restrictions in the following streets:

Roads in Folkestone

Bouverie Place; Bouverie Road West; Bouverie Square; Cheriton Place; Christ Church Road; Clifton Gardens; Grace Hill; Langhorne Gardens; Longford Terrace; Longford Way; Manor Road; Pound Way; Sandgate Road; Shakespeare Terrace; Shellons Street; The Bayle; The Leas; The Parade; West Cliff Gardens; West Terrace;

A copy of the Order, a copy of any Orders which may be affected by it, and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing the Order can be inspected at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

If you have any questions concerning the Order or require further information please contact Shepway District Council (Transportation Department), Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY (01303 853240 during normal office hours).

This notice is published by Shepway District Council on behalf of Kent Highway Services, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XX. Kent Highway Services is part of Kent County Council.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY, VARIOUS ROADS) (FOLKESTONE WEST CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE) (NO 2) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 32, 44, 45 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act: The Order will come into force on Monday 17th September 2012 and will consolidate all parking restrictions within the Folkestone West Controlled Parking Zone.

A copy of the Order, a copy of any Orders which may be affected by it, and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing the Order can be inspected at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

If you have any questions concerning the Order or require further information please contact Shepway District Council (Transportation Department), Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY (01303 853240 during normal office hours).

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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY, VARIOUS ROADS) (FOLKESTONE SEA FRONT AND THE STADE PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 32, 44, 45 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order shall come into effect on Monday 17th September 2012 and implement new parking restrictions in the following streets:

ROADS IN FOLKESTONE

Marine Crescent; Marine Parade; Marine Terrace; Lower Sandgate Road; Harbour Approach Road; Tonline Street; Fish Market; East Street; The Stade; Mill Bay.

The Order will also consolidate the existing restrictions in the following streets:

ROADS IN FOLKESTONE

Harbour Street; Beach Street; Radnor Street

A copy of the Order, a copy of any Orders which may be affected by it, and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing the Order can be inspected at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/SE/0321/2012 - Proposed development at Dunbril Waste Transfer Station, Main Road, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 6EP

SITA UK Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for a Section 73 application to vary condition 13 (operating hours), condition 3 (layout and working of the site) and condition 4 (site layout) of planning permission SE/90/1302 to amend the operating hours of Dunbril Transfer Station and install a hardcore disposal bin in the external yard area of the transfer station site.

You may view this application at Sevenoaks District Council, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the District Council website.

Sharon Thompson
 Head of Planning
 Applications Group
 Kent County Council
 Dated: 16 September 2012



To place your
 notice here, call the
 Kent Public Notice
 team on

01303
 817044

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT MAP SHEET 140 (TQ94SW)

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW149 AT PLUCKLEY)

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

The above Order was made on 12 June 2012 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting that length of Public Footpath AW149 which commences at NGR TQ 9219 4491 (Point A) and runs in a northerly direction for 95 metres passing to the west of the garden boundary to the property known as Arden to NGR TQ 9218 4500 (Point B) and adding that length of Public Footpath AW149 which commences at NGR TQ 9219 4491 (Point A) and continues upon land owner by Arden in a northerly direction for 94 metres to NGR TQ 9219 4500 (Point C). The path then joins with AW149 on map sheet 103 (TQ94NW).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN13 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Sonia Coventry at the Kent County Council (address as below) no later than 29 October 2012. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with it.

IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW149 (PART) PLUCKLEY)

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

The above named Order made on 28 March 2012 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered AW149 which commences at NGR TQ 9219 4503 (Point A) and runs in a southerly direction for 124 metres to NGR TQ 9219 4490 (Point B) and will add a new length of public footpath numbered AW149, with a width of 2.5 metres, which commences at NGR TQ 9219 4503 (Point A) and runs in a south westerly direction for 7 metres to NGR TQ 9218 4502 (Point C) before turning in a southerly direction for 122 metres to NGR TQ 9219 4490 (Point B). As shown on the Order Plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN13 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Sonia Coventry at the Kent County Council (address as below). (Tel: 01622 220512) (email: sonia.coventry@kent.gov.uk) not later than 29 October 2012. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XX

Dated: 16 September 2012

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH KB34

IN THE PARISH OF MAIDSTONE

PUBLIC FOOTPATH KB34

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath KB34, between Hermitage Lane and TQ 731 558 a distance of approx 75 metres from the 1st October 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 14th October 2012.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is adjacent to current path and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: John Pelham

Or for further details on temporary closures on the rights of way network please see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 14th October 2012.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michele Snodin

Or for further details on temporary closures on the rights of way network please see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS

NOTICE OF COMING INTO FORCE OF A PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 257

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH WC266 (PART) FRITTENDEN)

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

On the 21 August 2012 the Kent County Council certified that the terms of Article 2 of the Order requiring works to be carried out had been complied with, thereby enabling the Order to Come into Force. Copies of the Order may be seen free of charge at the Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB or the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

For further information please contact:-
Laura Wilkins - 01622 221517

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Dated: 16th September 2012

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR405

IN THE PARISH OF IGTHAM

PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR405

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath MR405, between Fen Pond Road and Borough Green Road from the 1st October 2012.

This document is available in alternative formats and can be explained in a range of languages.

For further information, please contact

Kent Countryside Access Service,

on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)

or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess



PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Notice of an Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence (Licensing Act 2003)

Notice is hereby given that

a) Ashford Investor (General Partner) Limited has applied to Ashford Borough Council for the GRANT OF PREMISES LICENCE for b) (a) plays, (b) films, (e) live music, (f) recorded music, (g) performances of dance, (h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) for the premises c) Ashford Designer Outlet situated at d) Kimberley Way, Ashford, TN24 0SD

A register of licensing applications can be viewed at the Licensing Section, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tanner Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL 01233 330721 by appointment

Any person wishing to submit representations to this application must give notice in writing to the address shown above giving in detail the grounds of objection by: 07/01/2012 Dated this 7th day of September 2012. The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one or more of the four Licensing Objectives: THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY, THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE AND THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM.

It is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale (£5,000), under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to make a false statement in or in connection with this application

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, MUKID CHAUDHURY, am applying for a new Premises Licence at Ace of Spice, 13-15 Watling Street, Chatham, ME5 7EP. My application is made to Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, ME4 4TR. I am applying for the following licensable activities:

Sale of Alcohol - (10.00 a.m. - midnight), Regulated Entertainment (10.00 a.m. - Midnight) and Late Night Refreshment (11.00 p.m. - midnight).

Should you wish to make representations to the Council it must be in writing and / or you can view my application by contacting the Council on 01634 337107 or 337108 by 04 October 2012.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £5,000.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The Guildhall, Cattle Market, Sandwich

Applicant: Melanie Kingshott

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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The ms Princess

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Day 2 • Early morning departure, enjoy breakfast as we cruise to Bruges arriving around 9am - all day and overnight in Bruges

Day 3 • Early morning sailing to

Ghent, enjoy breakfast and lunch on board before arriving early-to-mid afternoon - overnight in Ghent

Day 4 • Morning disembarkation in Ghent returning home by train.

INCLUDED:

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- Return rail travel from London St Pancras (Ebbsfleet departures on request)
- 3-night All-Inclusive cruise on the ms Princess
- Main Deck, upgraded outside cabin with private facilities (grade M2L)
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- All transfers abroad

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- Entry to Top Marques Monaco
- All transfers abroad

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| 1 Oct | Pakefield, Suffolk Coast | 4 | £89 | PP10-1 |
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| 15 Oct | Brean Sands, Somerset Coast | 4 | £119 | PB10 |
| Includes Happy Hour 5 to 7pm plus adult only entertainment venue | | | | |
| 15 Oct | Pakefield, Suffolk Coast | 4 | £89 | PP10-3 |
| 22 Oct | Pakefield, Suffolk Coast | 4 | £89 | PP10-4 |
| 23 Dec | Pakefield, Suffolk Coast | 4 | £229 | XP12 |
| Christmas Break | | | | |
| 27 Dec | Pakefield, Suffolk Coast | 3 | £79 | TP12 |
| Twixmas Break | | | | |
| 30 Dec | Pakefield, Suffolk Coast | 3 | £159 | NP12 |
| New Year Break | | | | |
| 30 Dec | Camber Sands, Sussex Coast | 3 | £139 | NC12 |
| New Year Break | | | | |
| 30 Dec | Brean Sands, Somerset Coast | 3 | £139 | NB12 |
| New Year Break | | | | |

INCLUDED:

- 3 or 4 nights sharing en-suite chalet with TV & tea/coffee-making facilities
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- Nightly live Entertainment
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Warner Norton Grange Resort
Self drive, 3 nights, drinks-inclusive

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Mulled wine and mince pies will be served on arrival and, during your stay, you will enjoy great entertainment and Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

INCLUDED:

- Free Bar from 6pm to 11pm every night - house beers & spirits, wine by the glass, pumped soft drinks & mixers
- Full Entertainment & Activities programme
- 3 dinners & 3 breakfasts
- 3 nights en-suite chalet accommodation
- Car ferry crossing



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INCLUDED:

- 99p Bar 6pm to 11pm every evening
- Full Entertainment programme featuring Jeff Hooper's Big Band
- 3 dinners & 3 breakfasts
- 3 nights en-suite chalet accommodation - upgrades available

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Mill Rythe Resort
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FLOSSY likes cinema, meals out, nights in, looking for N/S male, 65-66 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392906

5FT 7ins female, blue eyes, black hair, trustworthy, GSOH, likes animals, walks, nights in/out, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 396149

56YR old female, likes music, varied interests, seeking well travelled male, 46-60 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392834

DEBBIE is 28yrs, petite and blonde. Loves gym and fitness. WLTM a sensitive male, looks and age unimportant. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395659

LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331

SENSUAL 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395053

BECKY 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTM Mr Right if he is out there? ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305

LOUISE young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389

TINA young 64, smoker, GSOH, loving, caring, likes animals, meals out, seeks male for companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394201

JULIE 5ft 9ins blue eyed blonde looking for male for mutually convenient meets, looks/status unimportant, discretion a must. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394123

SUSAN first time advertiser very lonely and looking for love with considerate, loyal male with lots of love to give and GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393489

TRACY likes nights in/out, seeking honest male, 36-46 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391884

SERENE affable black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, friendly, loves reading, nature, theatre, music, sports WLTM genuine caring gent, 34-47 to share laughter/life. London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 396491

BUBBLEY female, 49, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394623

HAPPY young looking 71yr old female, well travelled, intelligent, GSOH, seeks genuine, affectionate male, 60 plus. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393897

CHRIS 51, 5ft 8ins, blue eyes, brown hair, large build, size 22, seeks local male from loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395209

ATTRACTIVE caring lady, 77, 5ft 1ins, GSOH, fit, varied interests, seeks sincere gent, N/S for companionship and happiness. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395453

GILLY green eyed red haired nurse looking to start a new life with similar lonely male also looking for genuine love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395043

ANNE attractive 30's student nurse who loves to keep fit and travel looking for broadminded professional male, any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395037

CLAIRE 19yr old bored busty blonde seeking male for fun times in or out. Discretion assured. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395033

GEORGINA likes horses, dogs, walks, seeks male, 60-72 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394309

TANYA 28, beautiful black single mom, very body confident and all out of love. Lonely and looking for good company with experienced respectful man. Any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394623

LINDA 42, easygoing, likes cinema, walks, theatre, seeks N/S male with similar interests for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395523

FIT active lady, early 70's, honest, caring, OHAC, likes gardening, music/dance, seeking nice companion to enjoy life together and have good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394915

LADY likes most things, wishes to meet gent 62-68 for evenings in/out, cinema, walks, talks and LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392472

RACHAEL blonde haired attractive female 27, looking for love with fun guy who like me is not looking for anything too serious, Any age. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394667

TRACY mum of two, blonde, slim, attractive, tactile and very sexy for age, WLTM male 30-50yrs for ltr, wine/dining for good times and single dad welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394665

LESLIE professional single mum, a bit of a chatterbox, loves fine dining/wining, WLTM eligible bachelor to take advantage of. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394659

SALLY 27yr old Air Hostess seeking honest reliable male to join the mile high club, discreet liaisons and friendship with benefits. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394655

GINA 65, likes bowling, golf, looking for N/S male, 60-66 for friendship, fun, nights in and out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391013

JEANETTE big brown eyed busty fit size 10 with lots of interest, searching for a sincere man to share love and life. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374703

JENNY very young shy black female looking for reliable, genuine nice older man to help me become an attentive lover, 40-70yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411

AFFABLE serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading nature, theatre, music WLTM genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391641

JACKIE 32 attractive classy professional, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy/trim, well travelled, feminine, smart, seeks male, 40-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390916

JAYNE honest sincere attractive lonely professional, OHAC, looking for fun times with similar lonely gent, age/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390985

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MARGARET middle aged, attractive, likes storm chasing, cooking, seeks male with GSOH, possible forces. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391648

WELL educated female, slim, smart, mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391136

SLIM tall, elegant, feminine N/S, solvent lady, young 50's, likes travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, professional/military gent of high calibre. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394525

GEORGINA likes horses, dogs, walks, seeks male, 60-72 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393409

LADY 70, likes most things, WLTM gent of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393173

GINA 65, likes bowling, golf, looking for N/S male, 60-66 for friendship, fun, nights in and out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394623

HELEN 34yr old single mom to one, tall, slim and attractive, WLTM intelligent male for good conversations and adult meets, 30-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394475

ELISABETH blue eyed blonde 39, curvy and delicious, loves to travel and live life, seeking similar free spirited loving male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394461

PAULA 27, attractive blonde, very outgoing and sensual looking for similar male for mature broadminded relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394571

KAREN pretty single mom of one, 34, independent, professional, OHAC, looking for someone special to enjoy good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394563

LORRAINE 32yr old petite attractive female looking for male to turn up the heat on our rather gloomy summer. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393119

LADY 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 55-65 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653

CHARLES 51, GSOH, seeking female, 25-65 for cuddles and love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395513

ANDREW 6ft 4ins, medium build, outdoor type, gardener, GSOH, likes walks, animals, cycling, seeks N/S female to brighten up life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392476

TED 58, GSOH, likes travel, cooking, gardening, DIY, music, films, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394905

LIGHT hearted 58yr old male, 6ft, blue eyes, slim, lively, active, seeks pretty woman 28-50 for fun times. Croydon. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393567

KIRSTY 44yr going on 24yrs, sensual, attractive and in need of spoiling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391989

DONNA 24yr old single nurse, curly, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, single and fun to be with, WLTM mature male for romance 25-45yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391117

SARAH 27yr old single mum, independent, very pretty, GOSH, many interests, seeking male for cuddles and lots of TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391097

28YR old lady, seeking male, 35-60 for serious relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391756

BUBBLY fun loving single mum, 47, seeks Knight in shining armour, 38-55 to put the spark back into life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392951

EXPERIENCED 45, slim, natural blonde, blue eyes, GSOH, seeks confident guy for company/friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393465

KAREN 38 slim and attractive seeking confident professional for companionship, status/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392407

SHARON 33, slim blonde, blue eyes outgoing, attractive, looking to put some much needed fun back into life, seeks male 30-45yrs. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393797

MALE 56, seeks adventurous lady, 46-55 for uncomplicated friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393763

HAPPY go lucky male, 50, GSOH, seeks female for relationship and fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393739

AFFECTIONATE fun loving male, 50, good company, slim, dark hair, blue eyes, seeks female to share good times together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393649

STEWART 50, 5ft 11ins, likes dancing, seeking companionship, maybe more with lady 40-50. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392178

BRETT 35, enjoy socialising, cinema, travel, gym, seeking female, 25-35. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393883

44YR old male, 6ft 1ins, easygoing, seeking serious relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394553

PRESENTABLE Surrey male, looking for lady for afternoon fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394401

YOUNG 60yr old lady, seeks gent with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395213

MICHAEL romantic, honest, caring, seeks lady to brighten up lonely life, likes walks, meals out, nights in. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393454

BRIAN fun loving, happy go lucky guy, likes meals out, cinema, country walks, own business/home, seeking romance with loving, caring female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392894

ROY 43, 6ft, attractive, GSOH, seeking female for no strings fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392598

ANDY businessman, likes animals, meals out, seeking happy, outgoing female to enjoy life with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 393121

DAN 18, easygoing, looking for sweet, petite female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395215

ROMANTIC white male, early 50's, tall, dark, attractive, many interests, seeks tall, black lady. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395213

MALE seeking easygoing female for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395157

CHAS GSOH, looking for friendship, leading to relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 395119

SUSSEX male, 50, attractive, seeks N/S female, 25-65 for cuddles and love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 396169

CHRIS 5ft 7ins, medium build, submissive, seeks male 50 plus for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 396029

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Wall of fame

We track down Stewy, the anonymous artist spraying our way

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THE INTERVIEW

Stewy

BANKSY is a name that almost everyone recognises. His visual assault on the world with a string of provocative graffiti has propelled the anonymous artist to stardom.

He has websites, he has fan bases, he has books and he also now has the respect of the often-pompous art world. His pieces are thought-provoking and frequently politically motivated, but it is the mystery surrounding the man that makes his movements so intriguing.

Others would argue that more important than his modern-day iconic status is Banksy's contribution to making graffiti a recognised art form. He has influenced many, including the man known as 'Stewy'.

Anonymous stencil graffiti artist Stewy has already hit Kent at least 18 times from his London base, but we managed to meet the elusive man.

He said: "Due to Banksy's popularity, more and more artists have been inspired to create their own work. For most people, to go out and create art is a great thing. No one is telling them to do it – it takes effort and skill."

"But I feel an irony when large companies and advertisers use graffiti to promote products, while grassroots artists get arrested for creating art, especially when they're trying to convey political injustice."

"The public perception of street art or graffiti is changing and needs to change more."

"However, if it takes advertising to create the image that graffiti is cool and not purely antisocial, perhaps it OK."

Stewy's pieces have created a bit of a buzz in the county as they feature two of Kent's most iconic residents.

In Duke Street, Margate, an almost life-size stencil of world-renowned artist Tracey Emin stands on a flaking wall close to the new Turner Centre, while in Canterbury's Dover Street there is a print of musician Robert Wyatt from Kentish prog-rock group Soft Machine.

It stands proud on a wall close to the former Beehive Club, which was considered the epicentre of the late 60s Canterbury Scene.

Both subjects were even contacted by Stewy to gauge reaction to their graffiti tributes.

"They both loved it. I try to contact the individual once the work is complete. Robert said it was 'hallucinatory' and 'a real honour to see my ghost haunting an old haunt'."

There is also a picture online of Emin posing next to her spray-paint portrait looking rather chuffed.

Stewy has not only targeted Kent as a

birthplace of cultural icons – he has also hit Manchester with a picture of writer Quentin Crisp as well as punk poet John Cooper Clarke on the South Bank in London. Another, Sex Pistols manager Malcolm McLaren, is depicted on a wall in Stoke Newington, London.

Spraying for change

Thanks to the provocative and thought-provoking graffiti of Banksy, street art is now seen as a recognised art form, but for many it is still seen as just graffiti. **Joe Bill** speaks exclusively to Stewy, a street artist whose work is now displayed boldly on Kentish walls.



THE ART IS ON THE WALL: From left... a dog in Margate; a shopper and his dog admire a rabbit in the same town; and Canterbury's Robert Wyatt image

But who makes it onto Stewy's list and why? "I generally choose people I like and admire – people who are different. They always appear where they lived, worked or died... I call it psycho geography. It's educational – the people in the context of the environment combine geography, history and art."

"Ultimately, the image commemorates the person 'like ghosts across the street'. It's not about me. The work highlights people or eccentrics who have or had made a difference – changed how we approach art, music or writing... pushing the boundaries in Britain and shaking things up a little."

"A common thread I noticed with the people is they are all very British underdogs, eccentrics,

anarchists... obscure. I seem to choose the least expected and least commercial people other street artists would not normally consider."

Stewy works from stencils that he creates at home before hitting the streets to convey his message. Much of his work incorporates British animals appearing close to his human portraits.

For example, in Margate, close to the Emin piece, Stewy has painted a pigeon in Hawley Street, a horse in King's Street and a fox on the Mr Simm's sweet shop as well as pigs, badgers and owls elsewhere.

The artist sprayed his first piece in 2007 and has mastered the art of a quick turnaround – but his work is not without its risks.

"Yes, I once spent 12 hours at Her Majesty's pleasure," he said.

But that is not enough to stop Stewy dreaming up his next piece.

"I quite like the obscurity of my work, so the longevity is more important than any particular piece. The process is very organic."

"I recently chose Quentin Crisp to be placed in Chorlton-cum-Hardy, in Manchester, where he died. Within two weeks a journalist contacted me requesting a print of the stencil for Quentin's former partner, whom he plans to meet in New York. I simply requested he'd ask for a location to spray Quentin somewhere in New York, if I ever get the chance to visit."

"Ultimately, after the effort to create the stencil and the risks in spraying, to be contacted by a relation of the individual of whom I'm attempting to continue the memory gives me a sense of achievement."

And where does this most overground of underground operators see the genre?

"I've worked in schools, and the students I've met have a clear enthusiasm and skill for creating street art. I hope this art form becomes more accepted as a positive within society."

■ To see some of Stewy's work from around Kent and elsewhere, you can visit [www.stewystencils.tumblr.com](http://stewystencils.tumblr.com).



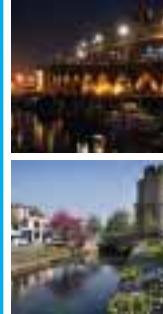
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Seaside food festival has recipe for success

By Joe Bill

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NOW in its fourth year, the Broadstairs Food Festival is ready to wow the people of Kent with its collection of culinary delights.

The festival opens on Tuesday, October 2, with a gala dinner at East Kent College's Bayside Restaurant. With the restaurant's views of the coast, the dinner will be a lovely way to start the festival.

East Kent College students are given the perfect opportunity to showcase their culinary skills by putting on a great dining experience for customers.

As festival sponsor for the fourth year in succession, the college is supported with produce supplied by Broadstairs high-street traders including Hazell's butchers, Crusties Bakery and JC Prentis – so you can't get more local than that.

Tickets for the evening are selling fast, so be sure to book your place; tickets cost £30 and there is a licensed bar. Phone 01843 871102.

The three-day Food Fayre Festival on Victoria Gardens and Promenade offers a long weekend of food and cooking demonstrations, including the best of local and county produce to sample.

There is also the chance for festival-goers to buy the makings of breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and if you have any space left, supper too.

And, best of all, entry is free, so you can pop in on each of the three days: on Friday and Saturday, October 5-6, the festival is open from 10am to



6pm and on Sunday, October 7, from 10am-5pm.

New to the 2012 festival is a Teddy Bears' Picnic in the main food court marquee from 10am on the Saturday, with prizes for the oldest, smallest, cuddliest and best-dressed bears.

Last year more than 50,000 people enjoyed the feast of flavours, and the range and quality of the produce promises to be even better this year, with more than 100 stalls lined up for the event. New offerings include freshly-seared scallops, pasta and stir-fries from Globe and Rainbow; cocktails and canapés and loose-leaf teas; loads of hot and cold food served all day; and, of course, the Farmhouse Pop Up Kitchen.

And it doesn't stop there. In partnership with Thorley Taverns, the festival is offering a Live Music Weekend at The Broadstairs Pavilion with much-loved local band Hullabaloo performing on Friday, October 5, followed by X Factor star Ben Mills and his band the following day. Doors open at 7pm and a wristband for the whole weekend is a snap at £5, with proceeds supporting the festival.

It is extraordinary how quickly this event has grown in such a short period and it should be remembered that this is a community-funded event backed by local residents and businesses.

So do feel free to pop your coins in the collecting buckets or to buy a lottery ticket – it all goes to ensure the continuation of this lovely family-friendly event in Broadstairs.

■ Email jo@broadstairsfoodfestival.org.uk, phone 01843 871102 or visit www.broadstairsfoodfestival.org.uk for tickets.

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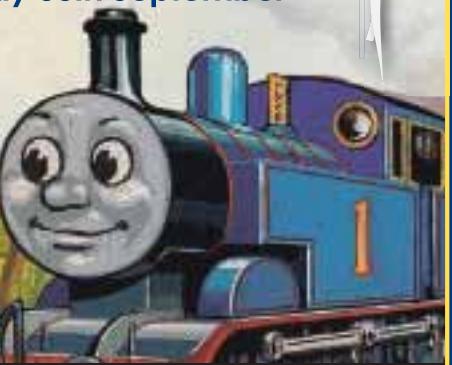
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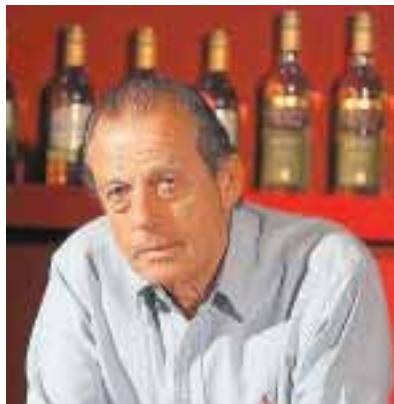
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SOME of the most recognisable faces from the British small screen are joining together to take part in an all-new theatre production called Soap Opera.

Possibly the most infamous soap baddie of all time, Leslie Grantham, aka Dirty Den from EastEnders, left, stars in the new show alongside Graham Cole, otherwise known as PC Tony Stamp in The Bill.

Michelle Gayle, who played Hattie in EastEnders, had 90s chart success with hit Sweetness and is joined by Lee Otway from Hollyoaks.

The plot is based on a make-believe soap opera that is about to be axed. But someone snaps, blood is spilled, a body is discovered... and everyone has a motive.

The snake in the brass Sax maestro

The Ship Theatre, Sevenoaks
Sunday, October 7, at 8pm
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THE Soul Sax Man, Snake Davis, heads to the The Ship Theatre in Sevenoaks next month for an evening of brass sounds and top solos.

Davis is known for his

sax work on a number of famous tracks, including Lisa Stansfield's Change, M-People's Search For A Hero and Moving On Up, as well as Take That's monster hit A Million Love Songs.

He has also played and recorded with artists ranging from James Brown and Paul McCartney to The Eurythmics and the late Amy Winehouse.

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Council records, title deeds, workhouse records, burial records and school logbooks are all good starting points for finding ancestors.

Exhibitions include The Defence of Kent Project: The Findings in Medway from now until Saturday, November 3.

From Monday, November 19, to Tuesday, 29 January 2013, there will be the These we have loved: Shops, stores and emporia of Medway on show.



Words and wisdom John Cooper Clarke

**Royal Function Rooms,
Star Hill, Rochester**

Friday, November 23
www.preservationsocietypresents.com

THE original Punk Poet John Cooper Clarke has announced that he will be taking up the mic at an intimate gig in Medway.

The rocker, best known for his lyrics that captivated the punk movement in the late 70s, will perform at The Royal Function Rooms in Rochester in front of just a few hundred people.

Medway music promoter Preservation Society Presents has made the Star Hill venue into an excellent new destination for music-lovers, having already bagged 90s indie band Dodgy and Ocean Colour Scene singer Steve Cradock to perform there during the run-up to Christmas. Tickets are priced at £18; over-18s only.

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The St Mary's Arts Trust brings a number of performers, including Beth Orton, on Thursday, November 29, who was awarded the Brit Award best female in 2000.

The season includes an evening with cricket broadcasting legend Henry Blofeld on Wednesday, December 5, with his Shaken not Stirred show.

Considered one of England's most influential folk bands, Fairport Convention are first up, on Wednesday, October 31.

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Is it all over? It might be... Man vs Woman

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Monday, October 1
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There will continue to be safari tours at the group's sister park at Port Lympne, Hythe, which recently celebrated the birth of a black rhino as well as a successful return to the wild for three adults of the species.

For more information about the pachyderm talks, visit the Aspinall Foundation website.



The Man v Woman tour is the London comic's first outing for a couple of years, but the tried and tested format of his live show has already been a smash hit at Hurst's Bethnal Green comedy club FymFyg.

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The changes they have made will have audiences both stunned and crying with laughter as Meat Loaf's I Would Do Anything For Love becomes a lullaby, Eye Of The Tiger becomes bluegrass and Come On Eileen a heartfelt ballad. "It's a crime against music", you could say... or you could agree that it's so bad it's good.

Pop royalty Don't stop the champions

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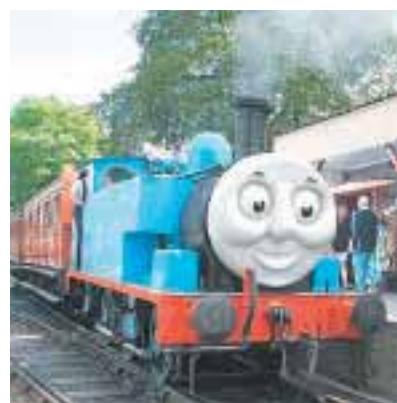
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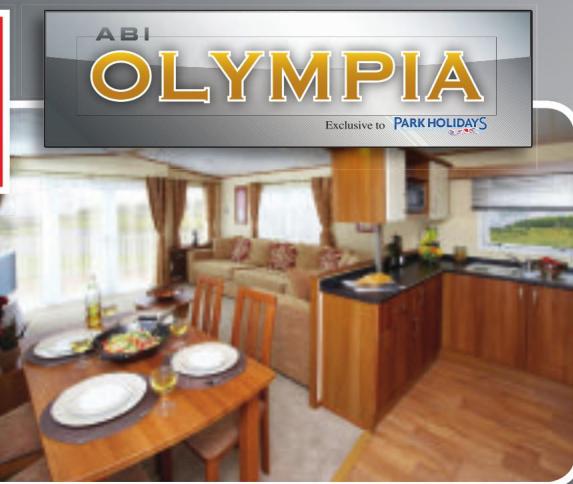
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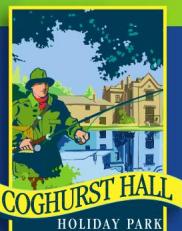
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The original property dates from about 1890 and is about eight miles from Maidstone.

This 52-bedroom hotel provides letting rooms, a meeting/conference room, dining room and conservatory and lounge bar with a reception area.

All of the rooms are en-suite and the hotel comprises 12 singles, 37 doubles and three family-suite rooms.

Externally there is a further semi-detached Victorian cottage providing five separate rooms currently used for staff accommodation.

The hotel sits on a total plot of 1.74 acres and provides car-parking for 80 vehicles accessed via a private driveway from the nearby London Road.

Historically, planning was approved for a 54-bedroom residential nursing home, but this lapsed in 2011.

Challenger bank teams up with developer to help you get moving

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

EVOLUTION, the Fairview New Homes development in Ashford, is the first in Britain to offer prospective homebuyers funding from a new so-called challenger bank through the Government's mortgage-guarantee scheme, NewBuy.

NewBuy is the initiative designed to help overcome the deposit gap faced by many new homebuyers.

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Aldermore is the first of the new challenger banks to join the NewBuy scheme, partnering Fairview to offer funding to buyers of new houses at the development in Hunter Avenue.

Jim Holliday, sales and marketing director of Fairview New Homes, said: "We are delighted to be able to announce our partnership with Aldermore and to be the first of the UK house-builders to work with the new bank."

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native to the usual high-street banks and are aimed at customers who have lost confidence in banking practices.

They aim to be more responsive to customers' needs and operate on a vastly-smaller scale.

NewBuy – through Alder-

more – is available on all three- and four-bedroom houses at Evolution. The four-bedroom homes offer en-suites to the master bedroom and a large study on the top floor.

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- Ceed adds space to its already stylish look
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Celebrate a decade of peace of mind at Honda

Driving

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By Steve Loader

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YOU must look hard to notice what Audi has done with its third-generation A3 hatchback, but other senses are quickly alert to the changes.

The new version, launched this weekend, simply feels so much better, with even higher-quality materials and controls – I particularly liked the retro alloy-ringed ventilation nozzles – plus more composed ride and handling.

Look again, though, and you'll see the car is no longer than before but the wheelbase has been lengthened and overhangs shortened to deliver a roomier cabin even on the debutante three-door model – the five-door Sportback arrives early next year – yet Audi has also managed to increase boot space slightly.

Cosmetically, it's an evolution rather than revolution against the previous car; a default option for those who dislike the looks of its key premium hatchback rivals, the dumpy BMW 1 Series and rakish Mercedes-Benz A-Class, arriving soon. The approach has served Audi well before; customers know their car's second-hand values won't be poleaxed by a radically-reworked successor.

And although the car is not cheap, customers will like what's been done beneath the paint because it will save cash. Aluminium and other lightweight yet high-strength construction conserves fuel and improves dynamics, saving up to 80kg in weight – equivalent to jettisoning a 12.5-stone adult passenger – and boosting fuel economy by up to 12 per cent, helped by start/stop fitted as standard.

Lighter weight brings another benefit: a nimbleness even on models with the comfort-orientated SE spec suspension, which can be ordered even on the more aggressive and highly-specified Sport or flagship S Line models, quashing past criticism that buyers couldn't have the top-spec look without the hard-nut suspension. This underpins Audi's projection that S Line will claim 40 per cent of sales, with the other two trims sharing the remainder equally.

Launched engines are familiar – turbocharged 122PS 1.4TFSI and 180PS 1.8TFSI petrols and a 150PS 2.0TDI diesel – but we'll have a 105PS 1.6TDI here by year-end capable of 74.3mpg on the combined cycle, with road-tax-exempt CO₂ emissions of just 99g/km.

The two ruthlessly-tax-efficient diesels should be a magnet for company-car user-choosers and take a whopping 70 per cent of orders, with the 2.0 alone taking 40 per cent, and it's a great car; the SE I drove was quick, comfortably sprung and yet still sharp on the corners.

But it's a shame that the lightly-loaded petrol models may get overlooked: the 1.8 TFSI Sport model, also tested and fitted with the excellent S-tronic manual/auto box, is a real point-and-shoot machine and it will be interesting to see how much more can be wrung from the chassis when more power and quattro all-wheel-drive is available later.



AUDI A3

FIRST DRIVE

Price:
£19,205

Driving appeal:
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Image:
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Space:
★★★★★

Value:
★★★★★

Running costs:
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Reliability:
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How green?:
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Best rival:
BMW 1 Series

The evolutionary A3 more than deserves a second look



SPACIOUS:
The new A3 is no longer than previous models, but adjusted wheel-positioning allows for plenty more room inside

DON'T LIKE

... that there's no five-door Sportback option from the off, but this will arrive within a few months rather than taking a year, like last time.

NOT SURE

... the A3 offers good value versus a Golf from sister brand VW, but executive downsizers will feel better through having that premium badge.

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Get on board Scénic's grand tour

By Steve Loader

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IT WILL be a frustration for Renault that, having developed the people-carrier/MPV, it then witnessed others having more success with it.

The pioneer was the Renault Espace, now into its fourth generation but no longer sold in the UK. It was followed in 1999 by 'son of Espace', the Scénic, offering similar versatility in a smaller package that others rushed to emulate.

Indeed, so good were these imitators that Renault not only quickly lost control of the Scénic's compact MPV sector but was also forced into competing with rivals like the Vauxhall Zafira by offering a seven-seat alternative, the Grand Scénic.

The good news for the French brand, though, is that, three generations on, the latest Scénic (from £18,335 in five-seat format) is one of the better small people-movers on the market, being a clever mix of distinctive style and flair, with real versatility and some of the best engines around.

The range had a facelift earlier this year to bring it up to date with a revised nose featuring gloss black and chrome detailing, plus LED daytime running lights.

The car also has futuristic new rear lights.

A revised engine choice includes two new eco-friendly units in a five-strong line-up: a turbocharged 1.2 TCe 115 petrol and 1.5 dCi 110 Stop/Start diesel – the latter can average almost 70mpg.

The big news for me, though, is the range-topping 1.6 dCi 130 diesel powerplant, which Renault claims is the world's most powerful engine of its type for its size. It's punchy yet smooth, and frugal, too – 64.2 mpg (combined cycle) with CO₂ emissions of just 115g/km.

This incurs zero road tax in year one and just £30 a year thereafter, which is staggeringly good for a car with this sort of power and load-carrying flexibility.

Not surprisingly, it was the unit we focused on

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for the test, fitted into the £22,725 flagship Grand Scénic Dynamique Tom Tom – as you may gather, it comes with a factory-fitted sat-nav developed jointly by Renault and budget sat-nav developer Tom Tom.

You get a lot for your money generally with the Scénic range, so spend as close to your limit as possible. Dynamique spec brings all the electrics you would expect, plus cruise-control, rain-sensing wipers, rear sunblinds, seat back tables for the rear passengers and smart 16-inch alloys, and I would be tempted by the £1,500 leather pack – black leather seats, heated front ones with electric adjustment for the driver.

The interior is well trimmed and typically Gallic in style, but there is a greater air of quality about the car these days.

Standard equipment also includes a jaw-dropping 40 stowage spaces – totalling 83 litres plus an impressive boot volume of 564 litres,

expanding to 2,063 litres with rear seats folded – the five rear chairs can be arranged in any format according to passenger/cargo needs.

If there is a negative against this smart yet functional space wagon, then it has to be the rear seats: key rivals allow these to be folded into the floor, but the Scénic's simply fold, making it impossible to quickly convert the car into a van without releasing and lugging them out of the car – something many would-be buyers simply won't have expected to have to do.

Progress is biased more towards a superb ride rather than tight handling, but that is what most customers will be buying this stylish MPV for, and the set-up handles the increasingly-rutted and potholed British country lane better than previous-generation Scénics.

All in all, there is much to recommend taking the Scénic route – Grand Scénic models start at £19,735.

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MOTORING NEWS



Range Rover's diesel hybrid

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Ecoboost star for Mondeo

FORD has opted for evolution over revolution in styling the next Mondeo, though the UK market-leader does talk about it using "a new global design language".

Of greater note is an engine line-up including the marque's award-winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol engine – could anyone have foreseen such a small capacity engine in such a large car, say five years ago?



Sportswagon looking good

KIA has launched what may be the best-looking estate car in the family hatchback market segment by adding a load-lugger to its impressive Ceed line-up.

The new Sportswagon also spells out its appeal, too, rather than using the 'SW' suffix of the car it replaces. Prices start at £16,895 and the car comes with Kia's usual seven-year/100,000-mile warranty.

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FUTURE'S BRIGHT: The Hyundai i30 Tourer, far left, is new for its 10th anniversary year, while the Korean carmaker will also release an updated Santa Fe, left, next month

Ten years of Hyundai's peace-of-mind deal

By Steve Loader

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HYUNDAI is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its five-year, unlimited-mileage warranty.

Groundbreaking at the time, few rivals have been moved to match or exceed it, though sister brand Kia now offers seven years, albeit with a 100,000 cap on mileage.

Looking back, though, it's not hard to see why the Korean marque was moved to such generosity: there was little else to attract UK buyers apart from price.

Hyundai's range then included the Accent and Elantra – two cheap yet forgettable cars that

straddled the Ford Focus sector – and the 'tragic' Trajet people-carrier, which was roomy but had a horrible ride.

However, the original Santa Fe had arrived the year before and, while the visual appeal was dubious, there were signs of better things to come.

Then the Getz supermini made its debut in 2002 and was a revelation, even if the interior quality fell short of its rivals.

Ten years on, UK buyers hardly need the five-year warranty and Hyundai's value-for-money pricing and specifications to persuade them to buy.

Driving dynamics and interiors are vastly

improved and, with a five-year model replacement cycle rather than the seven-year norm with Western carmakers, Hyundai has had plenty of opportunity to show how quickly it has mastered its art: last year's classy i40 range showed the brand now has the family car or Mondeo sector taped.

And this year has been a landmark, with the all-new Veloster coupé, the second-generation i30 family hatchback and Tourer (estate) and the soon-to-be-launched third-generation Santa Fe.

With the Veloster, Hyundai has created a unique proposition: a coupé that has a third door allowing easy access to rear seats from the

passenger side of the car. Criticism that it lacked an engine with real performance was rebuffed by the arrival of a meatier, turbocharged model.

Meanwhile, the new i30 has become a genuine contender against the 'best of the West' – the VW Golf, Ford Focus and Vauxhall Astra – with the estate combining smart looks with huge load-carrying capacity.

And the latest Santa Fe, due in October, will make people question whether they want to pay more for a five- or seven-seat SUV when they can have a smart and well-made and equipped rival from £25,495. Hyundai has already posed the same question to compact-SUV buyers with its highly-successful ix35.

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